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#238 The "Strongest" Brawler

THE ANTICIPATION SURROUNDING THIS MATCH WILL BE BEYOND OUR WILDEST IMAGINATIONS !!!
VIOLENCE VS. MARTIAL ARTS!!!
BRAWLING TECHNIQUES VS. KARATE TECHNIQUES!
THE BRAWLING MASTER VS. THE KARATE PRODIGY!
A MIRACULOUS FIGHT CARD HAS MANIFESTED BEFORE US!
KAORU HANAYAMA VS. KATSUMI OROCHI!
KATSUMI OROCHI (SHINSHINKAI KARATE) HEIGHT: 186.5 CM WEIGHT: 116 KG
KAORU HANAYAMA (BRAWLER) HEIGHT: 190.5 CM WEIGHT: 166 KG
KRAAAK!

HANA-YAMAAA! SHOW HIM YOUR BRAWLING GRIT!

KATSUMIII! JUSTICE WILL PREVAIL!!!

*LAPEL: SPECIAL SQUAD

...

YOU KNOW WHY I FIGHT?

UH...

HEY, SUZU-MOTO...

OSU!

IF YOU REALLY WANT IT, FIGHTING OFFERS MULTIPLE PATHS TO BECOME STRONGER.

KARATE, BOXING, GRACIE JIU-JITSU...

DO YOU KNOW WHY?

...BUT I *CHOSE* TO NOT DO MARTIAL ARTS AND CLIMBED UP WITH NOTHING BUT BRAWLING.

YOU FUCKIN' FOOL!

TO WALK THE PATH OF A MAN? OR SOME-THING...

WELL, UM...

I WANTED TO BE LIKE *THAT.*

...THE OTHER MARTIAL ARTS FELT LIKE SISSY SHIT.

ONCE I SAW HOW THAT MAN LIVED...

YAKUZA.

YOU'RE IN FOR A LESSON IN THE POWER OF TRADITIONAL MARTIAL ARTS.

WOOOOOO

BOTH FIGHTERS, TO YOUR MARKS!

BOTH FIGHTERS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR CORNERS !!!

ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS WATCH!!!

PEH!

BEGIN !!!

THMP

KRAKOW
WHAT ON EARTH?!!

KAH

MR. HANA-YAMA...

...JUST DID A ROLLING THUNDER KICK?!

A-A-A ROLLING THUNDER KICK!!!

HANAYAMA PUT HIS OVER 160 KILOS OF WEIGHT INTO...

THIS BRAWLER IS A FEARSOME THREAT!!!

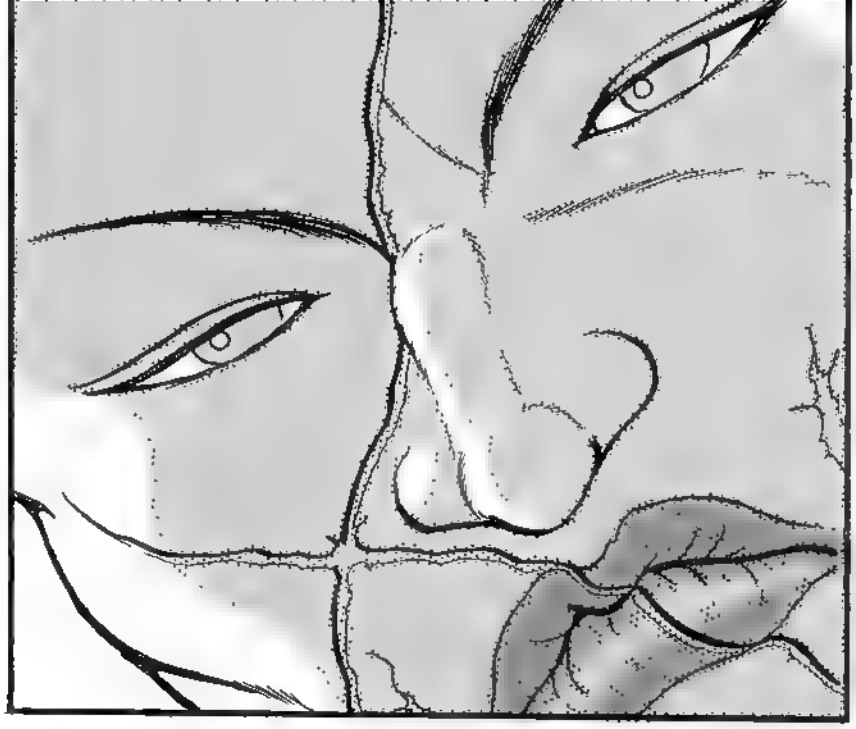
...DELIVERING A ROLLING THUNDER KICK!!!

KAORU HANAYAMA IS A FEARSOME THREAT!!!

HE'S LOOKING DOWN AT HIM!!!

HE'S LOOKING DOWN ON HIM! IT'S LIKE HE'S GLOATING!!!

HANA-YAMAAA! FINISH HIIIM!!!



HE'S STANDING STILL, AS IF HE'S WAITING FOR HIS OPPONENT TO GET UP!
HANAYAMA ISN'T GOING IN FOR THE KILL.
武

HEH...

THESE ARE THE AESTHETICS OF BRAWLING IN MOTION!!!

HA HA HA HA HA!

BWA HA HA HA HA HA!

本部神

THE *BRUTALITY* OF YOUR YAKUZA CODE IS *NOTHING* COMPARED TO THE PATH OF THE MARTIAL ARTS.

AESTHETICS? LOOKS PRETTY *REPUGNANT* TO ME...

本部
神

IN ANY CASE, YOU JUST WHIFFED YOUR *BIGGEST* AND *LAST* CHANCE TO BEAT ME!

#239 Punch

BECAUSE OF YOUR NAIVE "BRAWLING AESTHETICS" OR WHATEVER...

...YOU JUST LOST YOUR *BIGGEST* AND *LAST* CHANCE TO BEAT ME!!!

HE'S FAR STRONGER THAN WHEN HE FOUGHT ME...!!!

HANAYAMA'S GOTTEN STRONGER...

NOW... HOW ABOUT WE PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF IN THE DRESSING ROOM?

YOU DAMN MONSTER...!!!

...AND NOW I'M KICKING MYSELF FOR BEING SO COCKY...!!!

I THOUGHT THERE WAS NO WAY A GUY OVER 160 KILOS WOULD THROW A FLYING KICK...

HIS TITLE OF BEST BRAWLER IN JAPAN...

AT ANY RATE, THIS MAN'S COMBAT SENSE CAN'T BE OVERESTIMATED.

BRIK

BRIK

...IS NOT JUST FOR SHOW!!!

…!
グ GNG
グ GNG
グ GNG
グ GNG

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GNG
...!

WHAT IS HE THINKING ...?!

...BUT, IS HE REALLY JUST GOING TO THROW A PUNCH FROM THAT STANCE ...?!

I'M POSITIVE THAT HE'S NOT THE TYPE TO RESORT TO GIMMICKS...

WE'RE FIGHTING AT WHAT'S DESERVEDLY CONSIDERED THE PINNACLE OF COMBAT. THERE'S NO WAY HE'D PULL THAT AT THIS LEVEL!!!

NO MATTER HOW STRONG HIS STRIKES ARE, HE WOULDN'T, RESORT TO SUCH CHILDISH TACTICS!..

SSHF

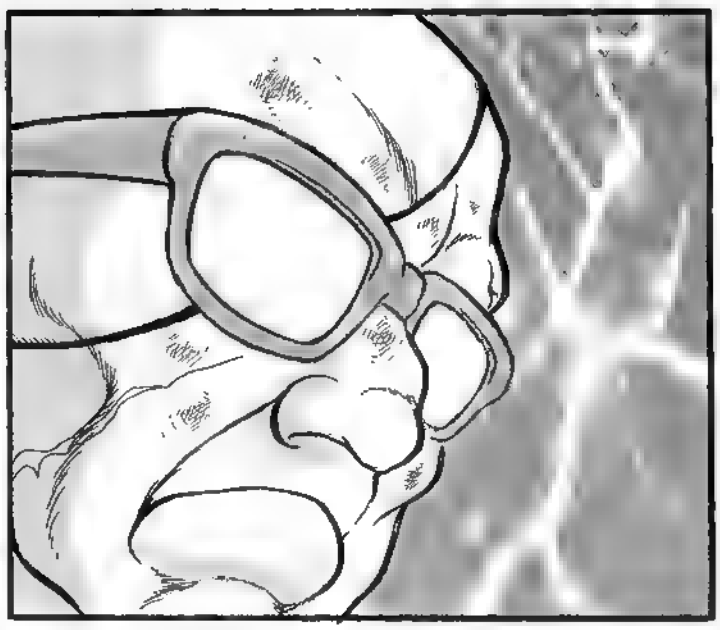
KOOMF
宋
宋
宋

SHOO

THE KICK-KILLING SCIS-SORS !!!
BUT WITH THAT DAMAGE ...!!!
BAM
BAM

SHOOM

HIS DEFENSE DIDN'T WORK!



HIS...

SHMP
GWAAAH!

#240 Ten Count

WHAT TREMENDOUS STRENGTH!!!

HANAYAMA'S YAKUZA PUNCH BROKE RIGHT THROUGH THE DEFENSES OF THE PRODIGY, KATSUMI OROCHI, AND HIT HIM SQUARE IN THE BODY!!!

...!

...!

...!

KATSUMI THREW UP HIS ADVANCED TECH-NIQUE, THE KICK KILLING SCISSORS!

ONLY TO HAVE IT SADLY SHATTER IN THE FACE OF THE MIGHTY PUNCH OF THE MONSTER, HANAYAMA!

...!

...!

HE PULLED HIM UP!

TO THE BODY AGAIN!

ANOTHER FOLLOW-UP ATTACK!

SMACK

...!

BM-SKR

...!

KATSUMI IS AT THE END OF HIS ROPE!!!

SHWOO

SHE!

H-HE DODGED IT!!!

FU SKRII

THIS ELITE FIGHTER PAINTS THE ARENA WITH HIS VOMIT AS HE COUGHS UP THE LAST SCRAPS OF HIS PRIDE!

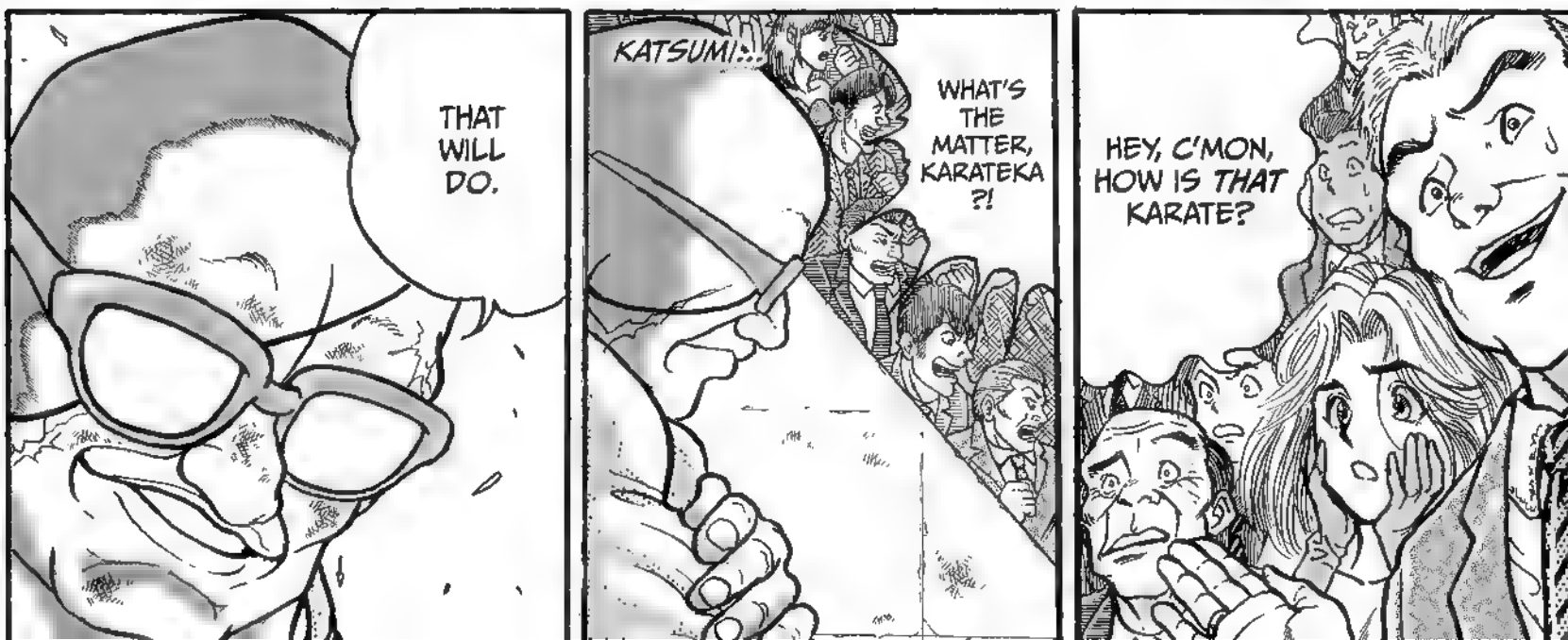
KOEE!

YARRF !!!

THAT LOOKED LESS LIKE A COORDINATED DEFENSE AND MORE LIKE A DESPERATE RETREAT!

OOH! HANAYAMA LAUNCHES A FEROCIOUS FLURRY!

BUT AT THIS RANGE, THE DAMAGE IS BEING HALVED!!!



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IPPON SEOI NAGE!!!

WHA?!

朱雀

KATSUMI THE PRODIGY CLEARLY TURNED HIS BACK TO HANYAMA!

HE RAN AWAY!!!

RUNNING AWAY BEATS LOSING.

THAT'S RIGHT.

NO MATTER HOW PATHETIC IT MAY SEEM...

...EVERY ACTION I TAKE IS A STEP TOWARD VICTORY.

BAM

IF I DON'T TAKE DAMAGE FOR THE NEXT TEN SECONDS ...

...MY BODY WILL BE READY TO STRIKE BACK!

WING

EIGHT ...!
SEVEN ...!
WOOO
SIX ...!
FIVE ...!
FOUR ...!

THREE ...!

TWO...

DOOMF

TIME'S UP... ♡

GRAK

GWASH

#241 Monster!!

TAMF
KOFF...

RAH
WOOOOOOO
玄武

HE KICKED OFF HIS SOLAR PLEXUS, CLIMBED UP TO HIS SHOULDER, AND KNEED HIM IN THE FACE!

TH-THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE !!!

PER THEIR REQUEST, THAT PERSON'S NAME HAS BEEN WITHHELD, BUT IF YOU TRAIN YOURSELF TO THE POINT OF MADNESS, THEN THIS MOVE IS **ACTUALLY POSSIBLE!!!**

KICKING OFF OF A FOE'S SOLAR PLEXUS, CLIMBING UP THEIR SHOULDERS, AND STRIKING THEM IN THE FACE! IT MAY SEEM LIKE SCIENCE FICTION, BUT THE AUTHOR KNOWS SOMEONE WHO CAN TRULY PERFORM THIS STUNT.

AND AS FOR YOUR MOTIVE FOR STAKING EVERYTHING ON BRAWL-ING...

...YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST THANKS.

FOR SHOWING ME YOUR "BRAWLING AESTHETICS" SO EFFEC-TIVELY...

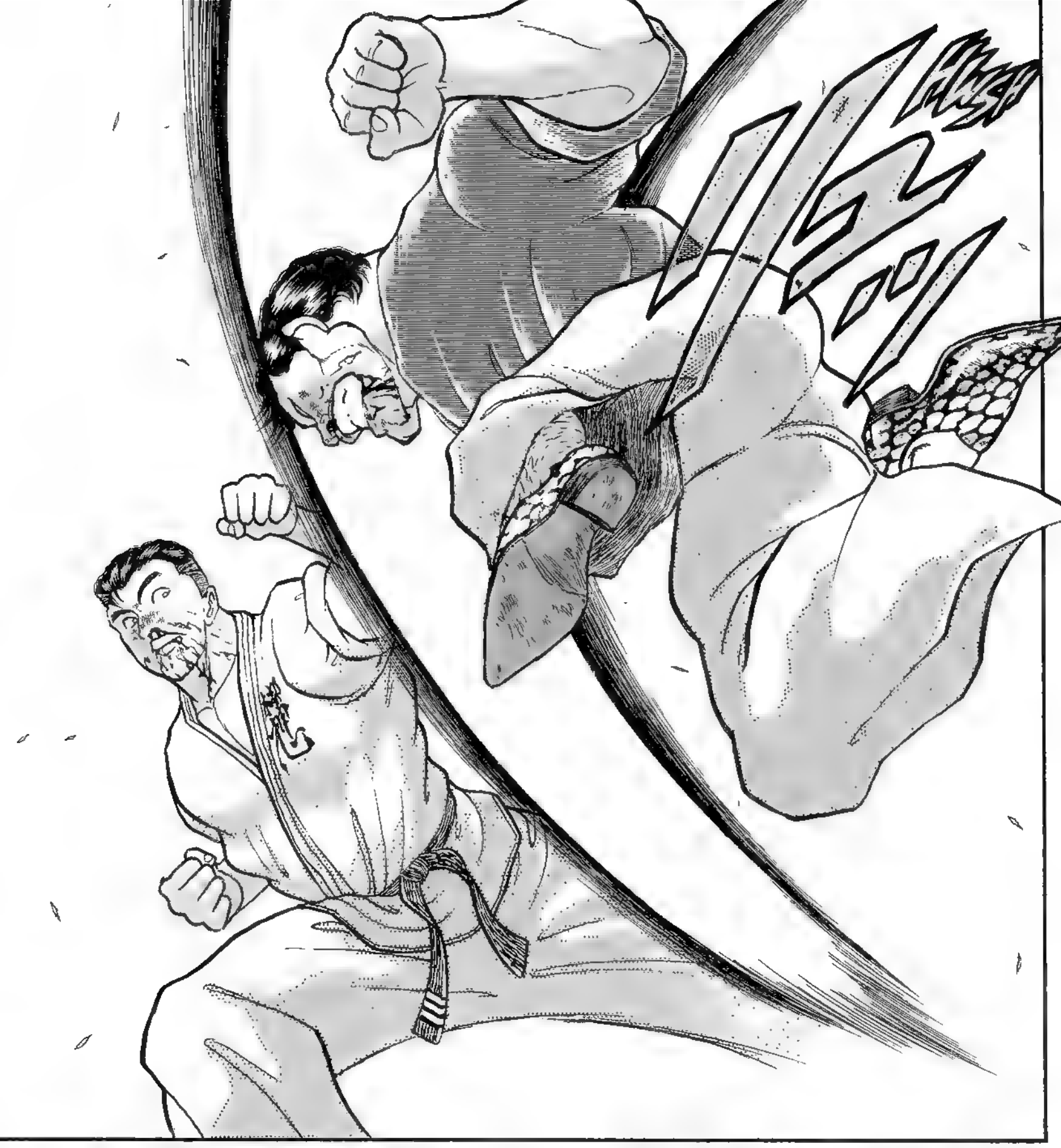
HOW-EVER...

...I NOW HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I MISJUDGED YOU...!

I'LL BE THE WINNER HERE!

KYA!

SHF
...!

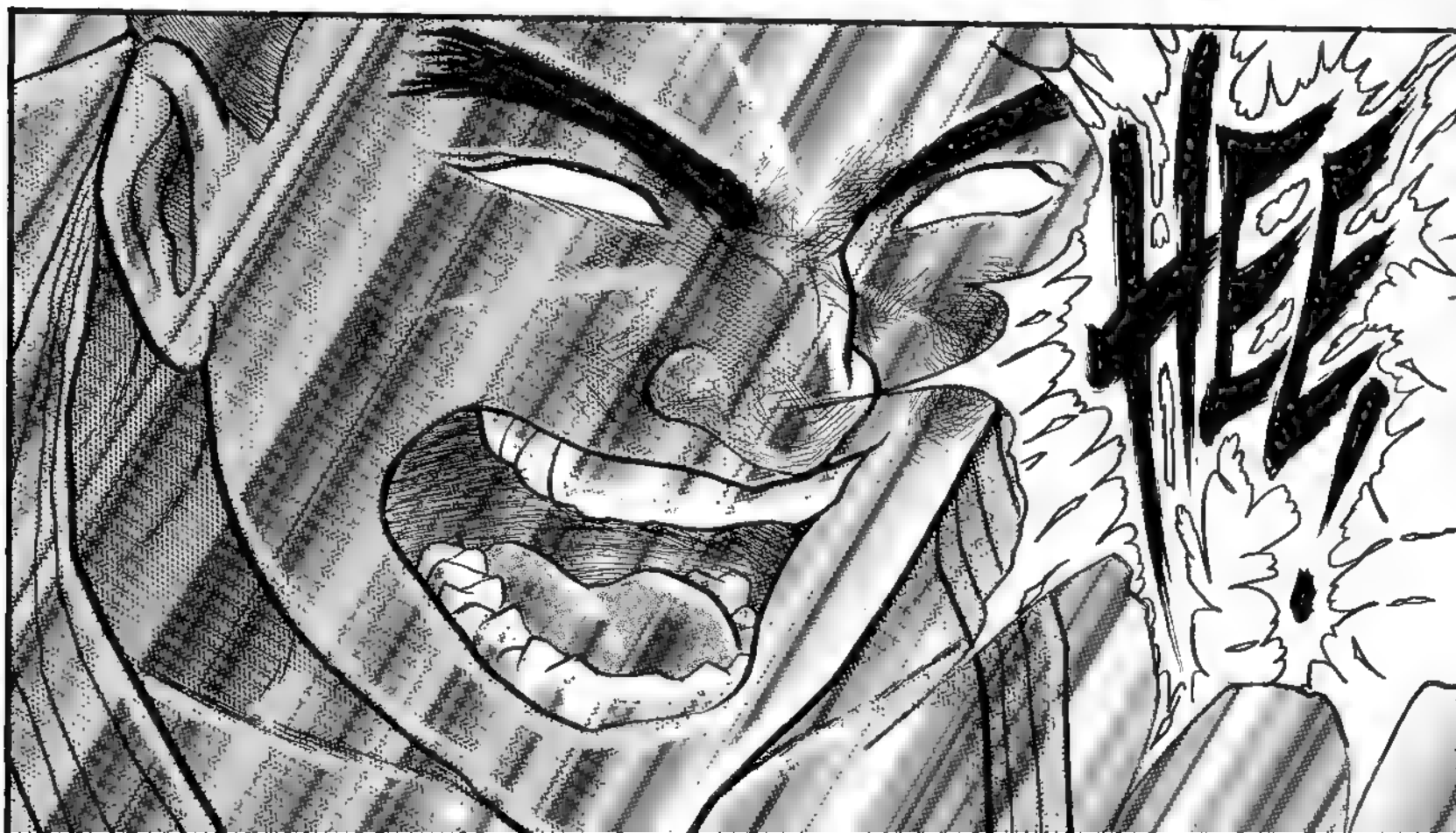


RAH!

BAM

DAMN MONSTER !!!

SKCH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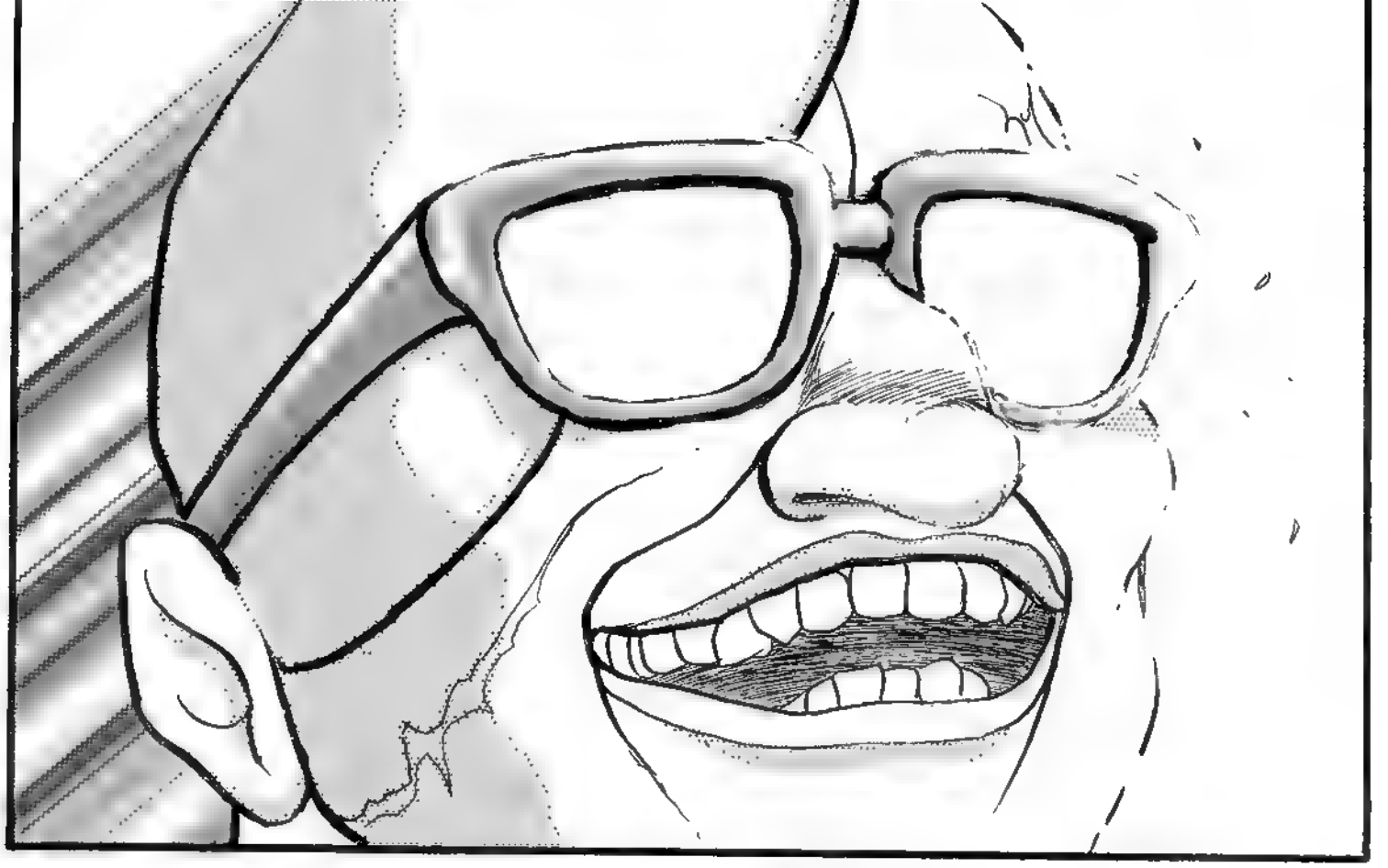


I'VE WON!!!

SEICHUSEN SHIRENZUKI!

KING

#242 Cocky

S-
SEICHUSEN
SHIRENZUKI
...!!!
I'VE ONLY
SEEN THAT
TECHNIQUE
IN
PHOTOS...
ニィ・・・
GRIN
I'VE
WON
!!!
I'VE...

GRIP

IT'S... THE CLAW...!

BANG

PWSHH

IT'S...
...!!!
...
IT'S...!

THERE IT IS!

IT'S THE CLAW !!!

HE GRIPS THE TOP AND BOTTOM OF AN OPPONENT'S LIMB...

...AND APPLIES PRESSURE UNTIL THE TRAPPED BLOOD...

A SIMPLE YET POWERFUL MOVE!!!

...RUPTURES THE LIMB FROM THE INSIDE!

AND THAT SUPER GRIP STRENGTH GAVE BIRTH TO THIS DEVASTATING MOVE!

HANAYAMA'S GRIP IS SAID TO BE ABLE TO TEAR OLD TIRES TO SHREDS...

SHMP

OUCH...

AAH! BUT HANAYAMA HAS TAKEN HEAVY DAMAGE TOO!

THAT'S RIGHT! THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING AFTER HE TOOK THE SHINSHIN KARATE SECRET TECHNIQUE, SEICHUSEN SHIRENZUKI, HEAD-ON!

HANAYAMA, NOW'S YOUR CHANCE! CRUSH HIM NOOOW !!!

STRIKE BACK, KATSUMIIIII !!!

HANAYAMAAA!

NOW, KATSUMI, DON'T GET COCKY...
SHWRL
...YOU DAMN PUNK!!!
WOOOOO

...YOU LET YOUR EGO GET STROKED...

KATSUMI, YOU'RE JUST A KNOW-NOTHING PUNK, STRUGGLING AGAINST A BUNCH OF HOODLUMS...

...YOU CALLED YOURSELF A LETHAL WEAPON.

...YOU, LET IT ALL GO TO YOUR HEAD UNTIL...

...YOU GOT PAMPERED...

SQUISH

FWISH

HA HA, WHAT IN THE HELL MAKES YOU A LETHAL WEAPON?!

KATSUMI!

WERE YOU WAITING FOR ME?

YOU'RE JUST A RUN-OF-THE-MILL...

...TWENTY-ONE-YEAR-OLD PUNK.

WSH

I'M GOOD OVER HERE.

I KNOW.

THAT'S RIGHT.

I ADMIT IT...

I-AM JUST ...

THIS MATCH IS OVER.

HE'S FACING HANAYAMA HEAD-ON!

HE'S GONNA SLUG IT OUT?!

SPUNK

KAH

DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME!

I AM THE KARATE WORLD'S LETHAL WEAPON!

I'M NOT LIKE YOU...

BAM!

...AS FAR AS TALENT GOES—

I'M NOT LIKE YOU...

KRAKOW

DOOMF
ARE YOU GOING TO DIE?
ARE YOU GOING TO DIE, KATSUMI ?!

#243 I Can Be Stronger!!

HE'S AT THE END OF HIS ROPE!!!

KATSUMI OROCHI HAS EXHAUSTED ALL OF HIS OPTIONS!!!

MODERN KARATE'S MAGNUM OPUS OF A FIGHTER...

WHAT MUST BE GOING THROUGH THE PRODIGY'S MIND?!

...CAN'T GET PAST THE BRAWLER GIFTED BY THE STRENGTH OF GOD'S WILL!!!

THIS GREAT AMATEUR...
...LANDED A ROLLING THUNDER KICK...
...DIDN'T BACK DOWN BEFORE A MULTITUDE OF SECRET TECH-NIQUES...
...AND HAS FOUGHT ON, RELYING SOLELY ON HIS INNATE ABILITIES!

GRAB

HE'S LOOKING TO FINISH IT!!!

NOW I SEE...
OOOH! THE BRAWLER HAS DASHED FORTH !!!

!!!
I JUST CAN'T WIN...
SH-BAM
...I GET IT NOW.
I FEEL LIKE...
SHMF

BAM

IT'S BECAUSE THIS MAN...

PAH

...IS RISKING HIS LIFE...

...HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT TOMORROW...
JUST LIKE ME...
KRAKOW
TAKE STANCE!
...WAY TOO LATE...
I NOTICED IT...
EEK!
KOOM

COME ON!
WSH
虎
KEI!
URYAH!
...FOR NOW, WE DO THE SEIKEN JODANZUKI!
KATO...
SUEDO...
YEAH!
DOING THIS MIGHT NOT MAKE US ANY STRONGER, BUT...

URYAH!

KEI!

WHOA!

WHEN DID THEY GO OVER THERE?

SE-RYAH!

KEI!

SERYAH!

KEI!

I *WILL* GET STRONGER ...

I CAN GET STRONGER ...

JUST LIKE THIS !!!

...LET'S SETTLE THIS.
OKAY, MR. HANAYAMA...

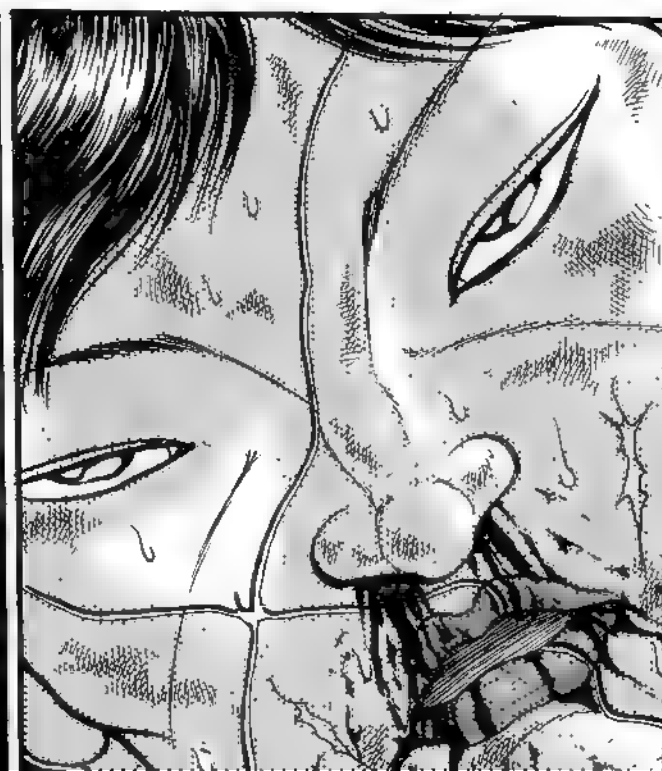
#244 The Move Dedicated to Kaoru Hanayama

I REALIZE NOW HOW STUPID I WAS TO HOLD BACK WHEN FACING A MAN LIKE YOU, KAORU HANAYAMA.
LET'S FINISH THIS.
MR. HANAYAMA.

RABBL
RABBL

I WAS SO SURE THAT THE PATH TO STRENGTH LAY IN EARNEST, DILIGENT TRAINING.

THE WORLD IS A BIG PLACE. IT HAS GUYS LIKE YOU IN IT.



THE CONFIDENCE IN COMBAT BORN FROM THE PRIDE OF REFUSING ANY AND ALL TRAINING.

THE INTENSE MASCULINITY THAT CONDEMNS THE VERY EFFORT TO BECOME STRONGER AS WEAK AND EFFEMINATE.

YOU WERE REALLY STRONG.

...

...WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DEDICATED TO MY FATHER, DOPPO OROCHI.

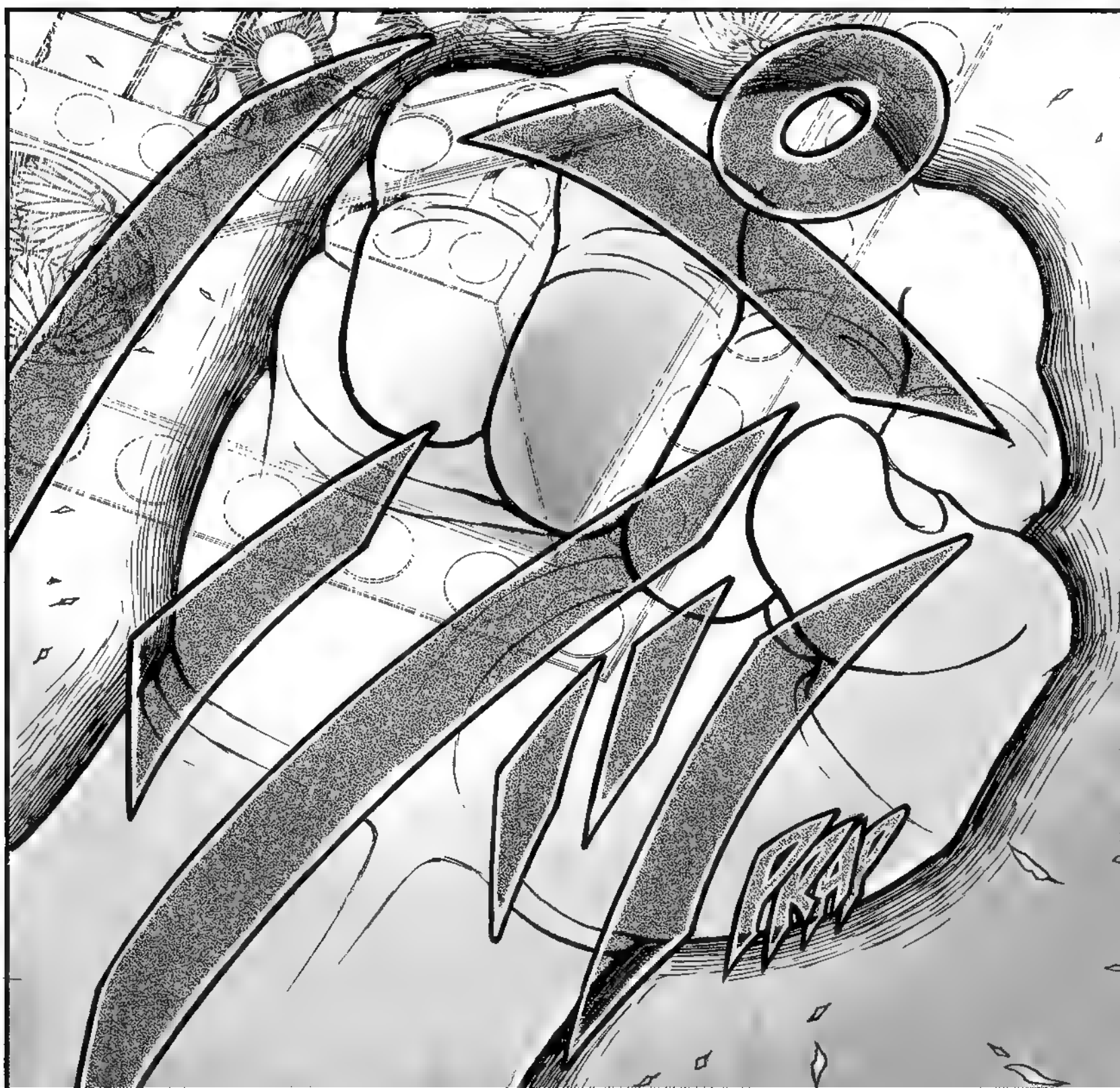
THE MOVE I'M ABOUT TO USE...

...THE MAN WHO ATTACKED MY FATHER...

IN OTHER WORDS, I WAS SAVING IT FOR...

...YUJIRO HANMA!

IT WAS A MOVE I WAS GOING TO HIT *YOU* WITH...



WHA ...?

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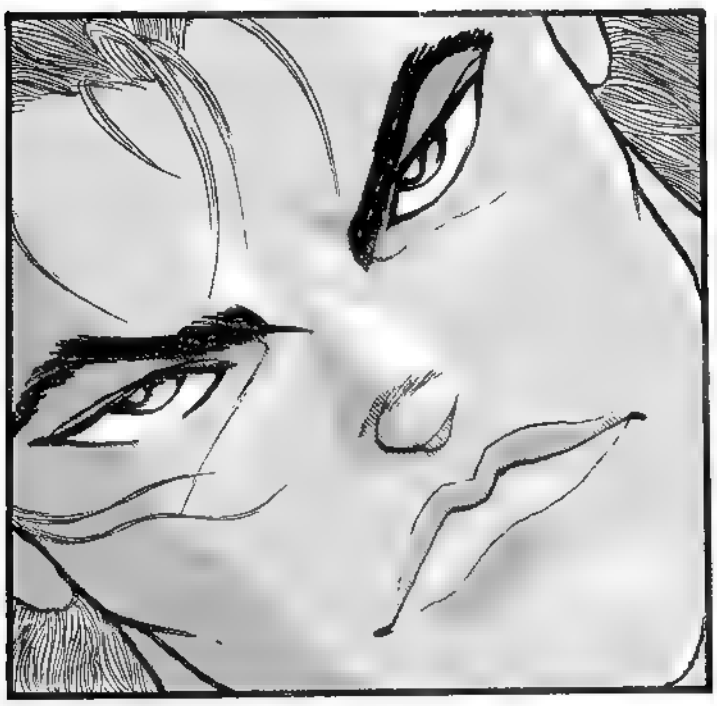
IT MAKES A NICE SOUND, RIGHT?

I COULDN'T SEE IT...

THE INTENSE CRACK PRODUCED IN THE AIR WHEN A MASTER USES A WHIP.

THAT IS...



THE SIGNAL OF *THE SOUND BARRIER BEING BROKEN...*

...THE NOISE THAT ERUPTS WHEN MATTER HAS SURPASSED THE SPEED OF SOUND...

...THE ANKLE TO THE KNEE, THE KNEE TO THE HIP JOINT, THE HIP JOINT TO THE WAIST, THE WAIST TO THE SHOULDER, THE SHOULDER TO THE ELBOW, THE ELBOW TO THE WRIST...

LINKING MOVEMENT STARTING FROM THE BIG TOE TO THE ANKLE...

...RESULTS IN THIS MIRACLE.

SUCCESSFULLY ACCELERATING ALL EIGHT OF THESE SPOTS AT THE SAME TIME...

IT'S THE EXACT OPPOSITE IDEA BEHIND GOTAI-JUTSU*!!!

*GOTAI-JUTSU: A ONE-HIT KILL MANEUVER THAT REQUIRES THE USER TO STIFFEN THEIR BODY AND LOCK ALL OF ONE'S JOINTS AT THE MOMENT OF IMPACT. SEE VOL. 5 FOR DETAILS.

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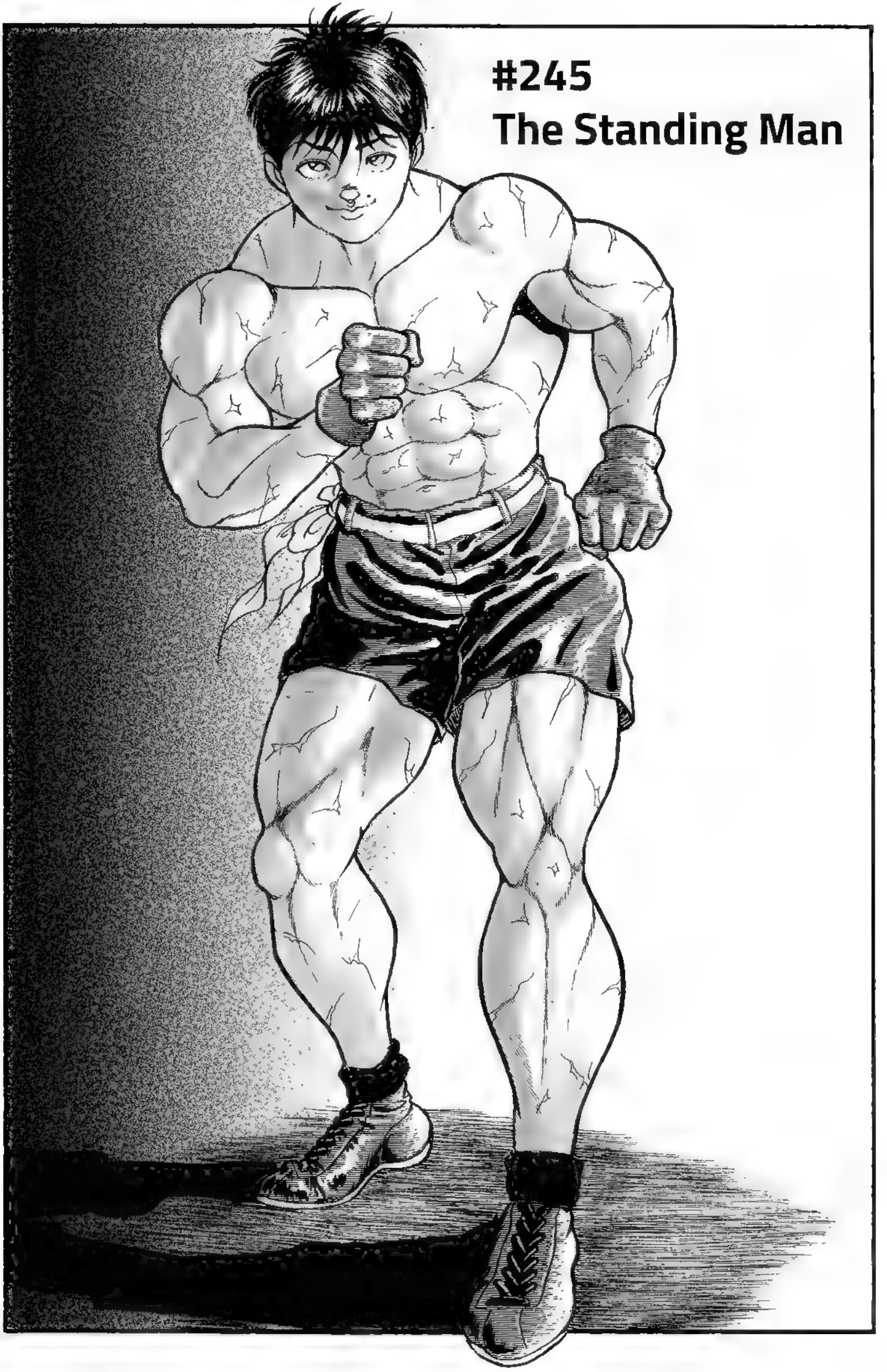
THIS FINAL WORK OF MINE, MR. HANAYAMA ...

...I NOW DEDICATE IT TO *YOU.*

GRG
GRG
GRG
GRG
GRG
GRG
玄武
RAAAH
THAT IDIOT ...

BLOOD

PRA
PRA
PRA
PRAP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The Standing Man

HANAYAMA... FALL...
THE MATCH IS ALREADY OVER!

KATSUMI'S MACH PUNCH COULD BE CALLED THE PINNACLE OF MODERN-DAY PHYSICAL TRAINING!!!

DESPITE THAT, IS HANAYAMA PLANNING ON JUST TANKING IT?!

NO, ENOUGH.

I'M AFRAID ANY MORE OF THIS WILL JUST...!!!

HANA-YAMA...

NO, THAT'S ENOUGH, HANAYAMA!!!

HANA-
YAMA!

ANOTHER MACH PUNCH!!!

WHAT...

SHF

WHAT HOLDS YOU UP?

PRIDE? HONOR?

...!

OR IS IT THAT YAKUZA CHIVALRY?

I'M SURE YOU REALIZE IT.

...THE NEXT STRIKE WILL DESTROY YOUR BODY!

EVEN WITH YOUR FAITH-LIKE WILL-POWER HOLDING YOU UP...

YOU'RE A TOP-CLASS FIGHTER.

YOU'VE DONE MORE THAN ENOUGH.

ACCEPT DEFEAT, HANAYAMA.

KEEP GOING AND I'LL BE FORCED TO-

...

GIVEN ONE NIGHT'S ...

MR MR MR

...

...LODGING... A NAME... THAT SHOULD HAVE... VANISHED... OVER... NIGHT...

SECOND CHAIR...!!!

S...

...WAS SAVED BY... TRAVELING... GAMBLER...

HANAYAMA HAS FINALLY...

AAH!

...TURNED HIS BACK TO HIS ENEMY!

CHAP

FEBRUARY, 1616 (GENNA ERA YEAR 2) ONE NIGHT, THE HANAYAMA FAMILY, THEN KNOWN AS WEALTHY FARMERS, WAS ASSAULTED BY MOUNTAIN BANDITS. ALTHOUGH THE ENTIRE CLAN MET THEIR ENDS UPON THE BRIGAND'S BLADES, A TRAVELING GAMBLER WHO HAD STAYED WITH THEM THAT NIGHT ENDED UP BEING THE ONE WHO ENSURED THAT THE CLAN'S LAST CHILD, YAKICHI, SURVIVED.
THIS NAMELESS GAMBLER HID THIS YOUNG CHILD INSIDE OF A SHRINE BELL AND PROTECTED HIM TO THE BITTER END, USING HIS OWN BODY AS A SHIELD. IT IS SAID THAT HE REMAINED STANDING, EVEN AFTER DEATH.
EVER SINCE, THE HANAYAMA FAMILY HAS REVERED HIM AS THE MODEL MAN, NAMING HIM "OTOKODACHI," OR "THE STANDING MAN." THE TALE HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN THROUGH GENERATIONS VIA THIS TATTOO.
HIS AGE AND NAME REMAIN UNKNOWN.
H-HE'S DEAD!
EEEE-EEE!
HE'S LONG DEAD.
ENOUGH.

HIS BOWELS AND ORGANS SLASHED, THE STANDING MAN CEDED NOT ONE STEP.
HIS LIFE LONG SINCE LOST, YET THE STANDING MAN FELL NOT.
HIS LIFE LONG SINCE LOST, BUT THE STANDING MAN IS FOREVER A MAN.
-YAKICHI HANAYAMA-
GIVEN ONE NIGHT'S LODGING, A NAME THAT SHOULD HAVE VANISHED OVERNIGHT WAS SAVED BY A TRAVELING GAMBLER, THUS RETURNING THE FAVOR FOR THAT NIGHT.

THE MATCH IS OVER!!!

#246 What the Battle Wrought

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THE MATCH IS OVER!!!

...THE END OF THE FIGHT!!!
AND THAT'S...

...IS NOW COMPLETELY SPENT!

THE BRAWLER, KAORU HANAYAMA...

...DRIVE KARATE'S PERFECT PRODIGY TO THE BRINK?!

HOW MANY TIMES DID THIS GREAT AMATEUR WITH NO MARTIAL ARTS EXPERIENCE AT ALL...

HOWEVER, YOU CAN NEVER COUNT OUT THE ULTIMATE KARATEKA, KATSUMI OROCHI!

IT EVEN MADE A GIANT MONSTER LIKE KAORU HANAYAMA TURN HIS BACK!

...KILLER OF KILLER MOVES IN MODERN KARATE, THE MACH PUNCH!

HE DARINGLY LAUNCHED THE MOST...

EHHE?

...WAS STOPPED BY KATSUMI'S SHIELD OF JUSTICE!
HANAYAMA'S SUPER-DREADNOUGHT SPEAR...
AND THE PATH TO SUBDUING BRUTE FORCE IS KNOWN AS "BUDO!"
THE KANJI FOR MARTIAL ARTS, READ AS "BU," MEANS "TO STOP A SPEAR!"
MARTIAL ARTS TRIUMPHS!

...YOU COULD SAY THIS WAS A CLEAR-CUT VICTORY!!!

FROM THE SYMBOLIC END OF HANAYAMA TURNING HIS BACK TO AN ATTACK...

...ON THE BODY OF *THE STANDING MAN.*

HE WASN'T JUST TURNING HIS BACK, DUMBASS. THE BOSS TOOK ALL OF KATSUMI OROCHI'S ATTACKS IN THE ONE SPOT THAT HE COULD TRUST THE MOST...

BOSS...

...

YOU WERE MAGNIFICENT. YOU ARE *THE FEARLESS MAN.*

OH...

!

YOU LOOKED MIGHTY SLICK OUT THERE...

OSU.

OSU.

...WHERE HE COULD HAVE FINISHED ME OFF.

MR. HANAYAMA HAD AT LEAST THREE CHANCES...

THREE...

I HAD TO LOSE *THREE TIMES* TO BEAT HIM JUST *ONCE.*

EVEN SO, A WIN IS A WIN.

WELP!

本部神心

AS YOU HAD YOUR TEETH SMASHED IN...

...AND YOUR RIBS CRACKED...

I CAN'T AGREE WITH THAT MINDSET.

...DID SOMETHING BECOME CLEAR TO YOU...?

YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND, BUT...

...I REALIZED THIS FIGHTING THING...

...REALLY IS GREAT...

YOU'RE ONLY REALIZING THAT *NOW?*

THE HELL?

"I REALIZED THIS FIGHTING THING..."

"YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND, BUT..."

OH BROTHER, AND WITH ALL THOSE THEAT-RICS, TOO.

EVEN THE TYKES IN THE KIDS' CLASS KNOW THAT!

館長

PFT ...!

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?!

WHAT'S THAT?!

AND I'M SOME-THING *YOU'RE* NOT...

NO...

Y'SEE, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY... NOBODY HAD EVER REALLY DRIVEN ME THAT FAR TO THE LIMITS UP TILL NOW...

I'MMA PRODIGY. ♡

HNGA WHOOPSIE. *HHHHHHHH* *HH!!!*

AAAAH!
LOOK, LOOK! HE'S UP, HE'S UP!
CHIEF...

OOOOOH! WHAT *TOUGHNESS!*

CHIEF...

BAM

I LEARNED MUCH FROM YOUR DISPLAY.

...BUT FOR THE NEXT ONE-ON-ONE...

IT MAY BE AN UNINTERESTING BRAWL...

...I ASK YOU TO WATCH OVER IT.

IRON MICHAEL.

WHO ARE YOU FACING ?

HOO BOY...

TALK ABOUT UNLUCKY ...

GIVE IT YOUR ALL.

!!!

WSH

WSH

WSH

WSH

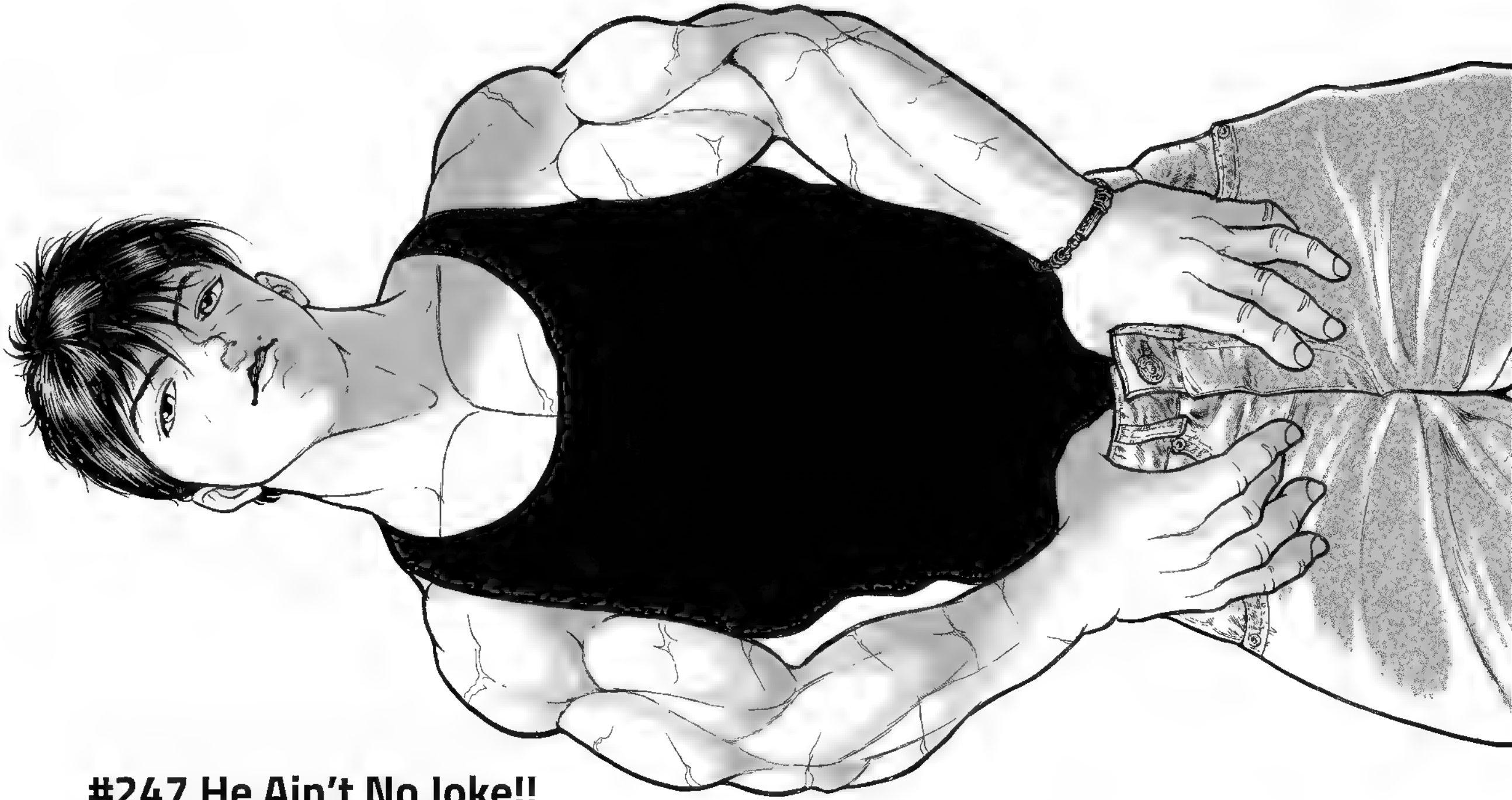
WE'RE HEADING INTO THE HALFWAY POINT OF THE SECOND ROUND! WE HAVE JUST FOUR MATCHES LEFT!!

AND NOW WE'VE GOT A RARE MATCH-UP!
IT'S GREAT FIGHT CARDS GALORE!

THE WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION, IRON MICHAEL, VERSUS...

FEH!

...THE KAMIKAZE CAPTAIN, CHIHARU SHIBA!!!



#247 He Ain't No Joke!!

YO, BOXER.

CHIHARU SHIBA
(BIKER)
HEIGHT: 185 CM
WEIGHT: 72 KG

IRON MICHAEL
(PRO BOXER)
HEIGHT: 182 CM
WEIGHT: 100 KG

AND I'M THE KAMIKAZE CAPTAIN REPPIN' MY *CREW...*

YOU'RE THE CHAMPION REPPIN' THE *WORLD...*

IF WE'RE FIGHTIN', THEN NO HANDICAPS.

...OF ALL THINGS, A BIKER!!!
KAAAAAAAAAH
PRO BOXING'S WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION VS...

...I GOTTA DEAL WITH THIS CAST.
HE LOOKS WAY OUT OF HIS LEAGUE!!!

FOR NOW...
I'D RATHER NOT SAY IT, BUT...

I'D RATHER NOT SAY THIS...!

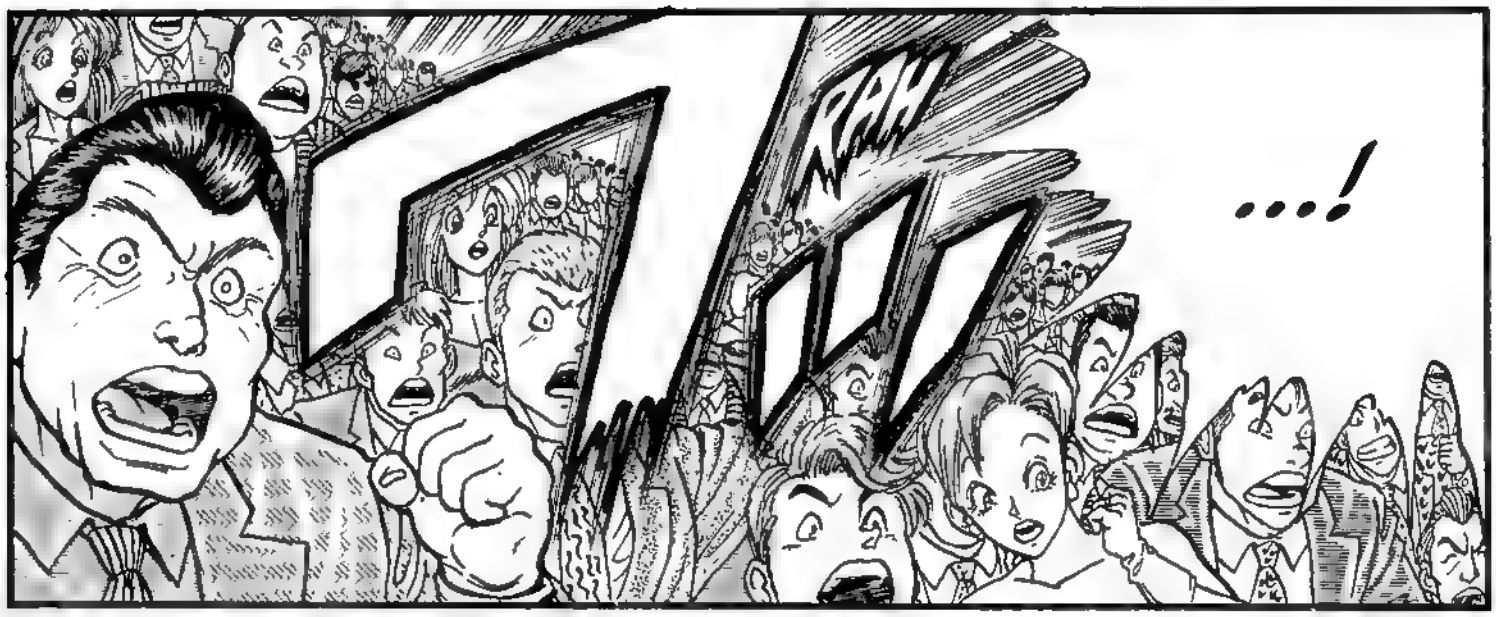
BUT LOOK AT THE ANTICIPATION FILLING THE ARENA!!!

WHAT'S THIS...?!

CHIHARU SHIBA'S GUTS AND AUDACITY HAVE RAISED THE EXCITEMENT HERE TO A NEW HIGH!!!

SHIBA HAS TAKEN OFF THE SLING AROUND HIS NECK...

NOOOOO!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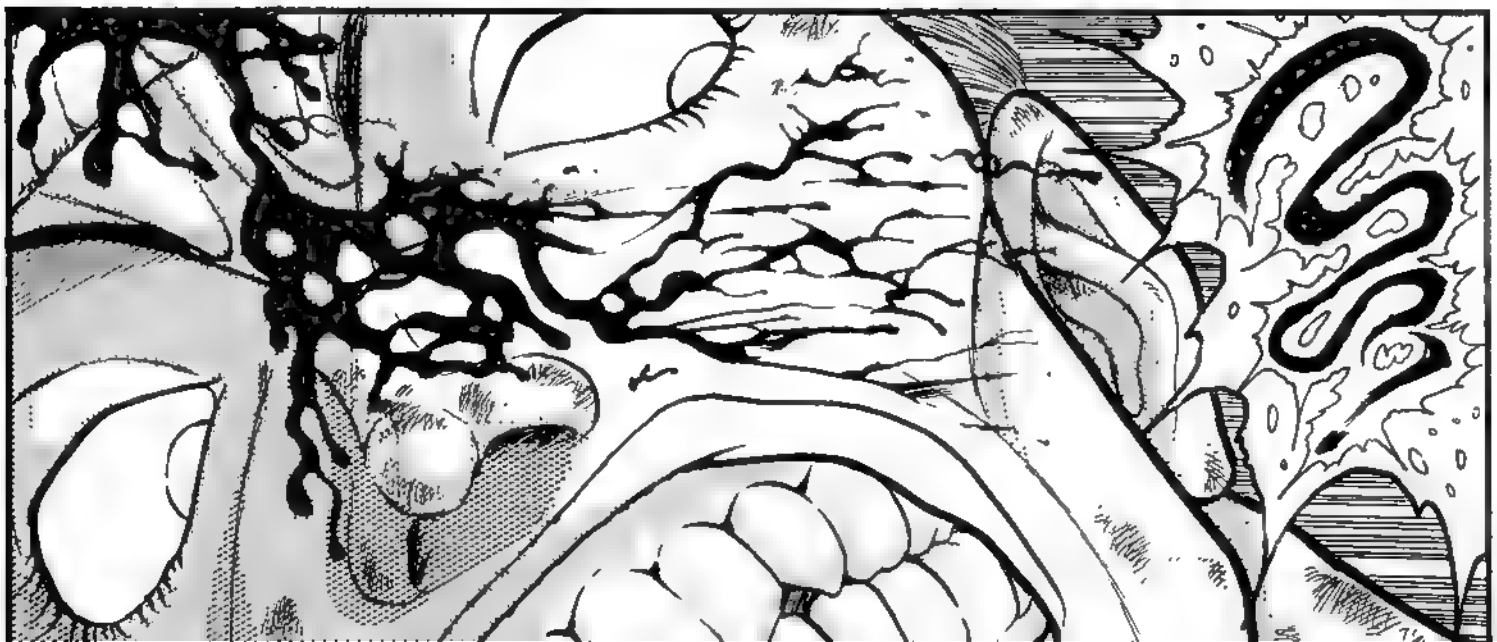


SO-
RYAH
!!!

KRAK

THUNK
KRAK
WHAK
BAM
BRAKOW
BATOM
...............!

THIS IS A MAN'S FIGHT.

RELYIN' ON SOMETHIN' LIKE THIS WOULD BE PATHETIC.

HE BROKE HIS CAST!!!

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, CHIHARU SHIBA?!

MAN, OUR CAPTAIN REALLY AIN'T NO JOKE...

HOLY SHIT...

BOTH FIGHTERS, TO YOUR POSITIONS!

HE TOOK THE CAST PROTECTING HIS LEFT ARM WITH MULTIPLE FRACTURES— NO!

CHIHARU SHIBA IS GRUESOME!!!

...AND CRACKED IT OPEN WITH HIS OWN HEAD!

HE TOOK THE CAST THAT COULD BE USED AS A WEAPON...

IRON MICHAEL AIN'T GOT SHIT ON YOOOU!!!

YOU'RE THE BEST IN THE WORLD, CAPTAIN!!!

*FLAG: TAKING OVER THE WHOLE COUNTRY

I'M GONNA SHOW YA'LL A DREAM COME TRUE!

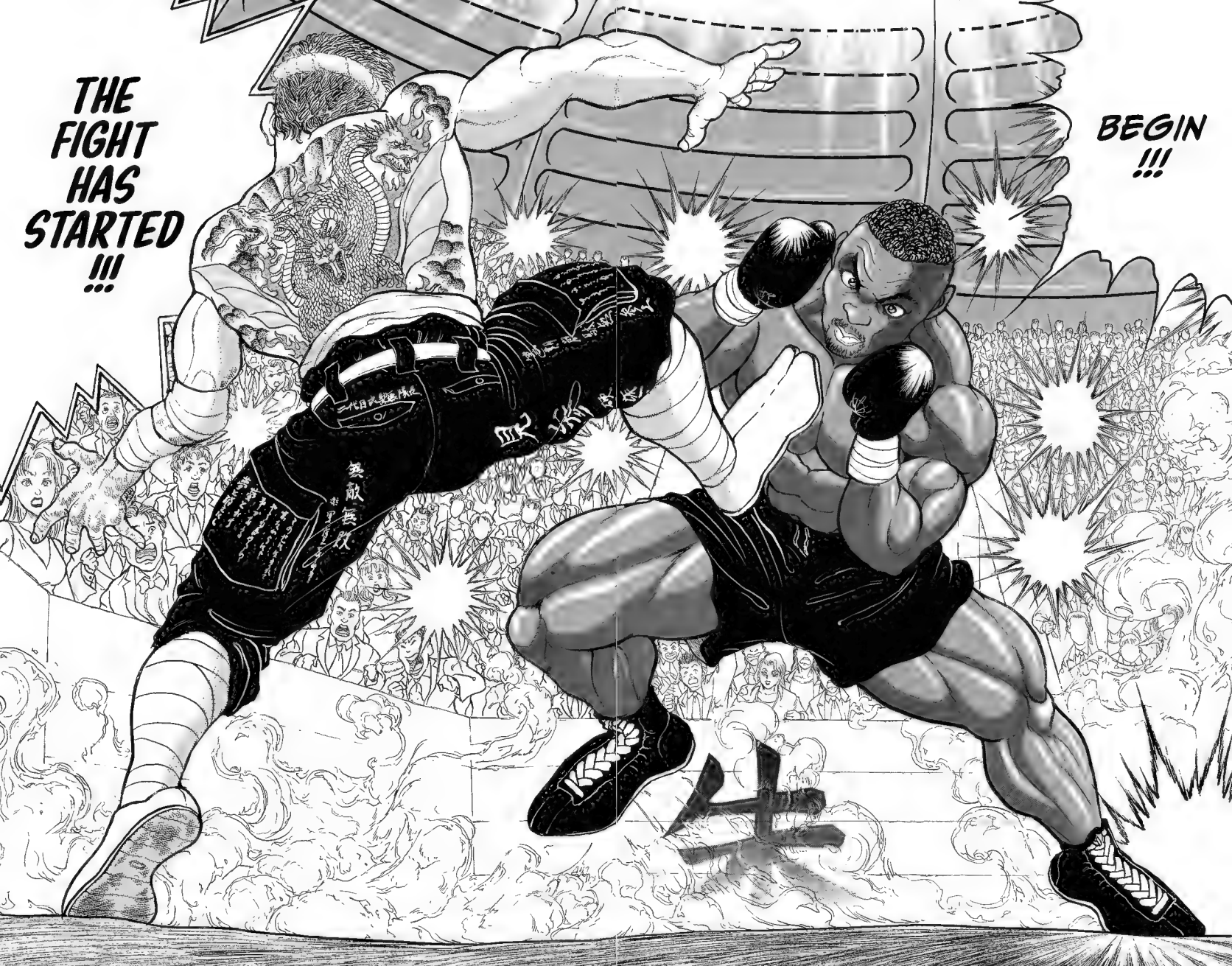
YUP, YUP. DAMN STRAIGHT.

WIN THIS, CAPTAIN!!!

ORAH!

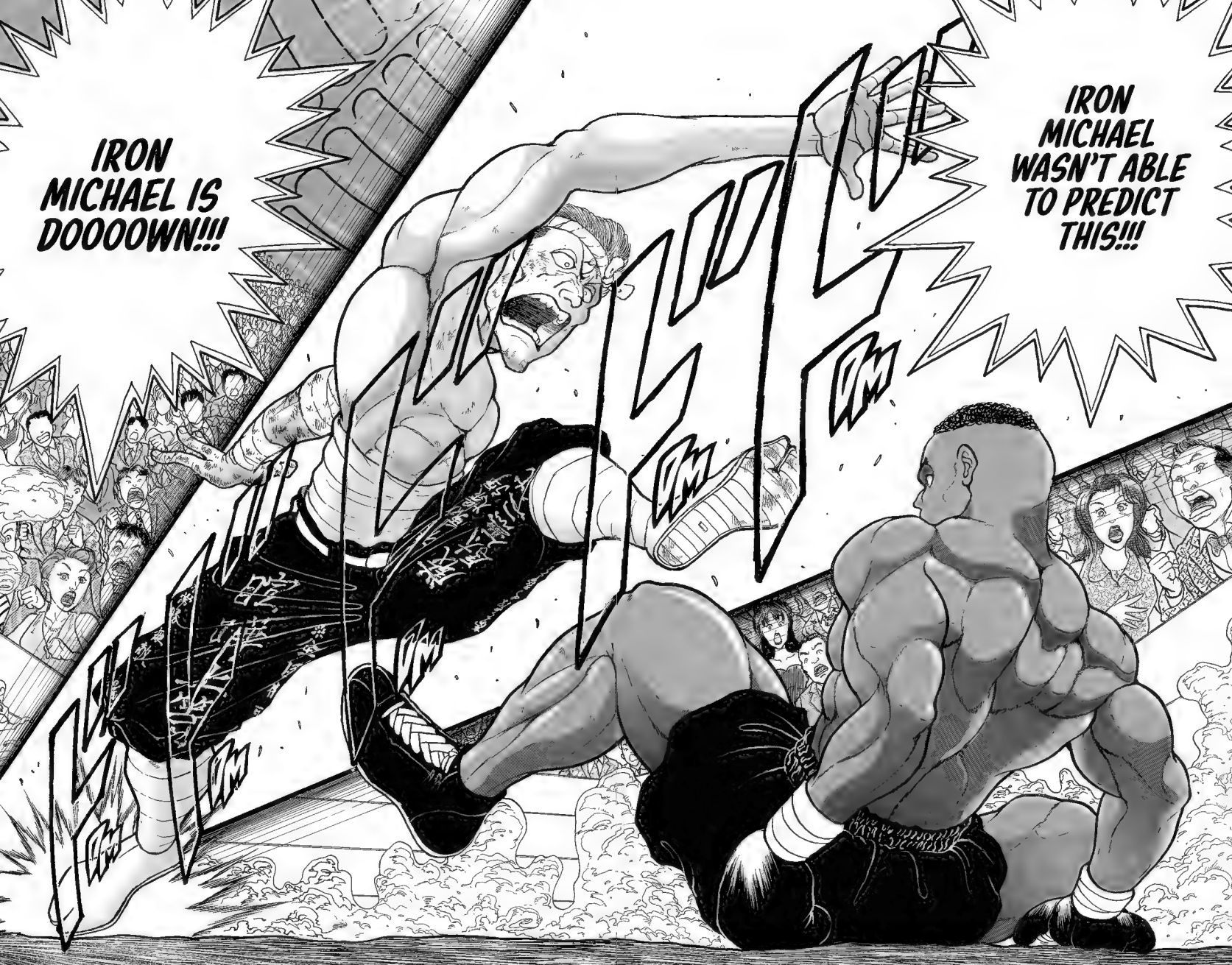
THERE...

THERE IT IS! THE KING GHIDORAH TATTOO!!!


THE FIGHT HAS STARTED !!!
BEGIN !!!

!!!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
IRON MICHAEL WAS JUST...

#248 Fighting Kid


IRON MICHAEL IS DOOOOWN!!!
IRON MICHAEL WASN'T ABLE TO PREDICT THIS!!!

BAM

DOOMF

DMF

IS THIS SOME KINDA JOKE?!
SOME BIKER THUG IS GONNA WIN?!

SO-RYAH !!!

AN UNBELIEVABLE SIGHT IS UNFOLDING BEFORE US!

TH- THE WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION...

...IS GETTING OVERPOWERED BY THE BIKER HOOLIGAN!!!

CHIHARU SHIBA IS ON THE VERGE OF VICTORY !!!

THIS IS A MIRACLE IN THE MAKING!!!

OHHH...

HUH ?!!

GOD, CHIHARU, YOU'RE SOOOO HOT!

WHAT IS THIIIIS?!

WHAM!!

THIS IS A VIOLATION !!!

HE HIT HIM WITH THE PLAS-TERRR !!!

THIS IS A CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE RULES!
BAM
THAT'S DIRTY, CHIHARU!
ARE YOU THROWING AWAY THE WIN?!
FEH!
WHAT'S GOING ON, CHIHARU SHIBA?!

YOU'RE ALL A BUNCH OF SUGAR-COATED *SUCKERS.*

SUCKERS, ALL OF YA...

...GET HIS LIGHTS KNOCKED OUT FROM THIS LITTLE BIT OF PUNISHMENT?!

YOU ALL THINK THIS GUY IS GONNA...

CALL THIS OFF!!!

YOU OUGHTA BE ASHAMED, CHIHARU SHIBA!

...

HE'S...

HEH!

HE'S NOT FAZED AT ALLLL!

Y'SEE? DIDN'T I TELL YA SO?

IRON MICHAEL HASN'T TAKEN ANY DAMAGE AT ALLLL!

SHF

ガシッ

IT'S...

S-
STOP
THIS!

NOBLE
ELDER,
WE NEED
TO STOP
THIS!

IT'S
SAND
IN THE
EYES!!!

...!

HEY...

LOOK AT THAT...

...

JAPANESE FIGHTING KID!

...EVEN IF THEY HANDED YOU A PISTOL, YOU COULDN'T BEAT ME.

YOU SHOULD ALREADY KNOW...

WHY STOOP SO LOW?!

...!

HEY, CHAMPION.

OPEN YER EYES.

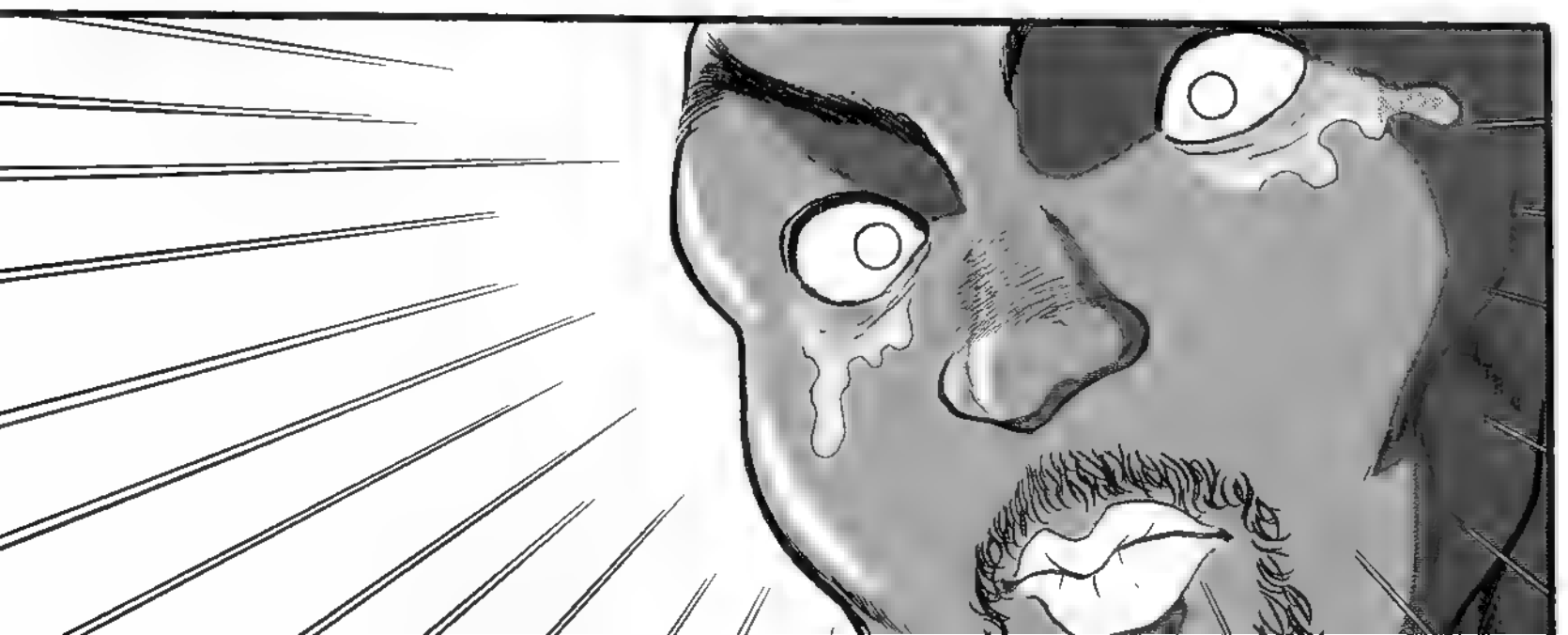
WHA...

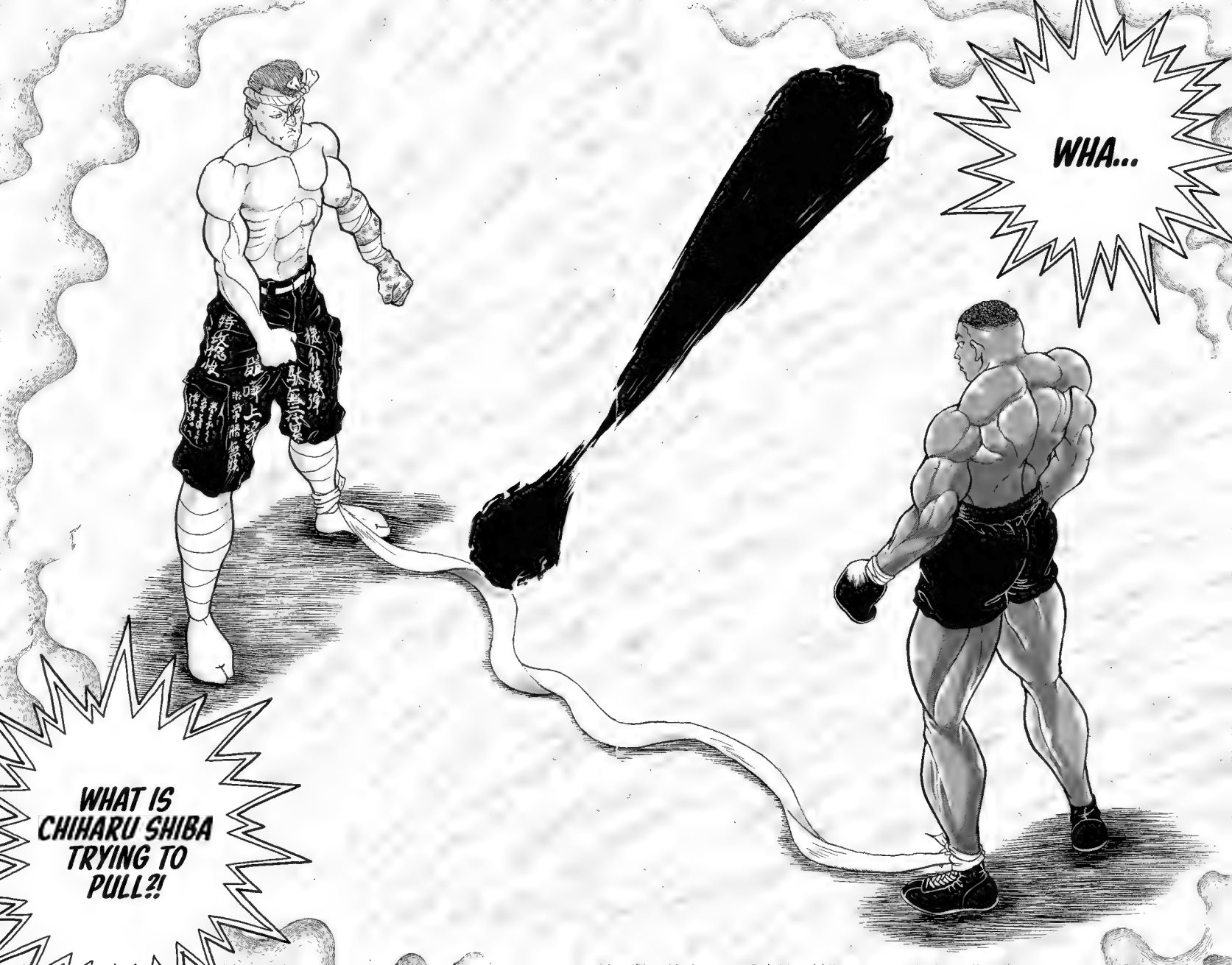
...?

WHAT IS CHIHARU SHIBA TRYING TO PULL?!

OPEN YER EYES, CHAMPION.

#249 Even Ground




WHA...
WHAT IS CHIHARU SHIBA TRYING TO PULL?!

AROUND HIS OPPONENT'S ANKLE...

...AND AROUND HIS OWN ANKLE...

...HE'S TIED HIS WAIST WRAPPINGS!!!

...!

HE'S WON!

CHIHARU SHIBA'S CHEER CORNER IS CRYING VICTORY!

WHAT A SURPRISE!

ガヤ

RABBIT

RABBIT

THIS IS QUITE UNSETTLING!

THIS IS GOING TOO FAR...

IF...

ARE YOU JUST GOING TO OVERLOOK THIS, NOBLE ELDER?!

...THEN DISQUALIFY CHIHARU SHIBA IMMEDIATELY.

IF MICHAEL OBJECTS, EVEN IN THE SLIGHTEST ...

HEH 7" HEH 7" HEH 7" 7" HEH 7" HEH 7"

CHIHARU, YOU SON OF A BITCH...

...HAS SOME SORT OF POINT TO IT?

DOES THIS MEAN SEEMINGLY PUTTING HIMSELF AT A DISADVANTAGE WITH NOWHERE TO RUN...

NOW THEY'RE ON EVEN GROUND.

MICHAEL'S MADE A DASH!

NOW THIS IS MICHAEL'S STYLE!

CHIHARU ISN'T BACKING DOWN!

SWING!!

AAH!!!
SORRY THERE, CHAMPION.
SMP
WHAT IS THIS ?!!

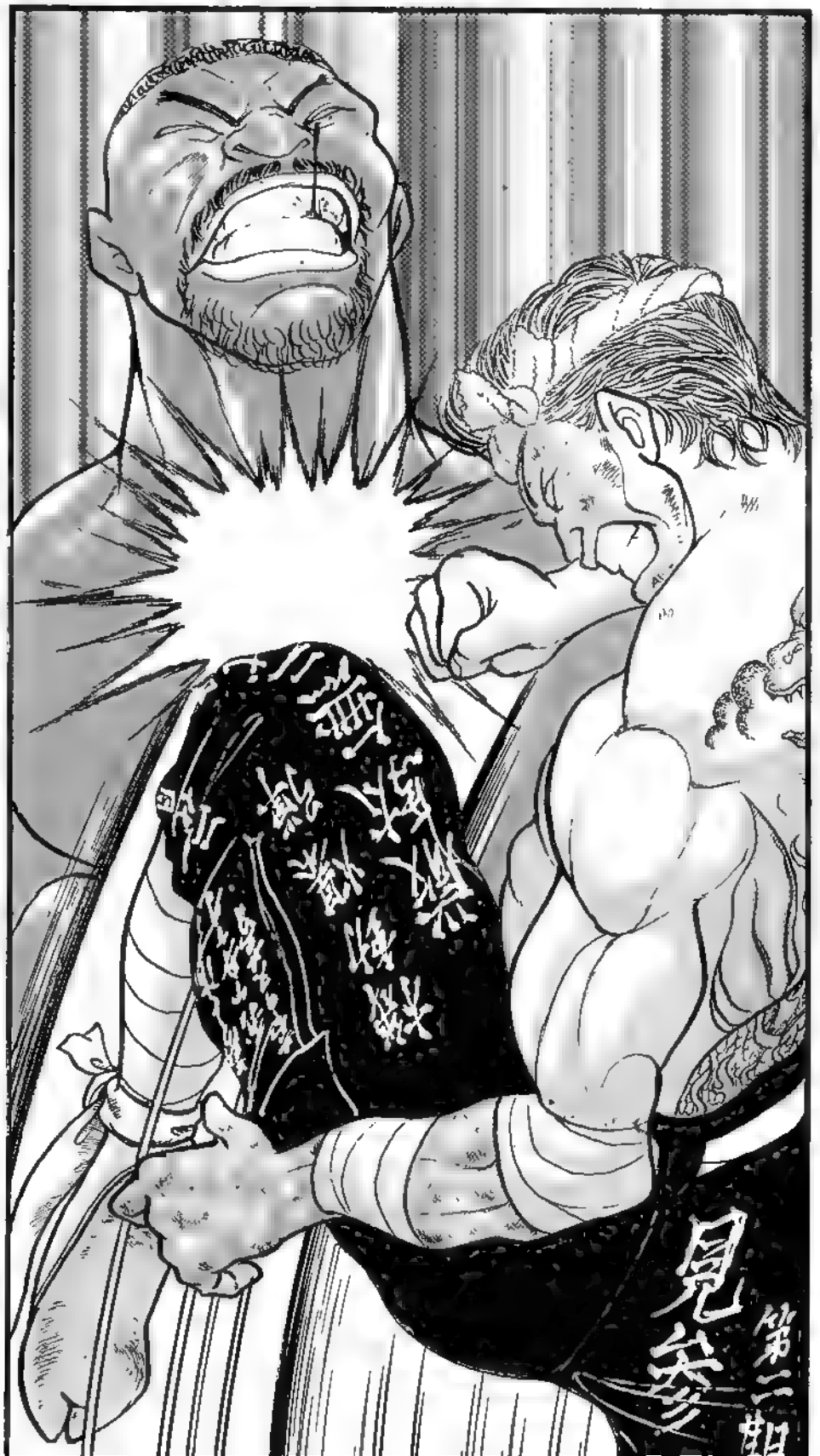
THIS IS THE BEST I GOT.

HELL YEAH!

IN ORDER TO FACE YA HEAD-ON...
...I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO...

BWF
...DO THIS.

WOO
KRAK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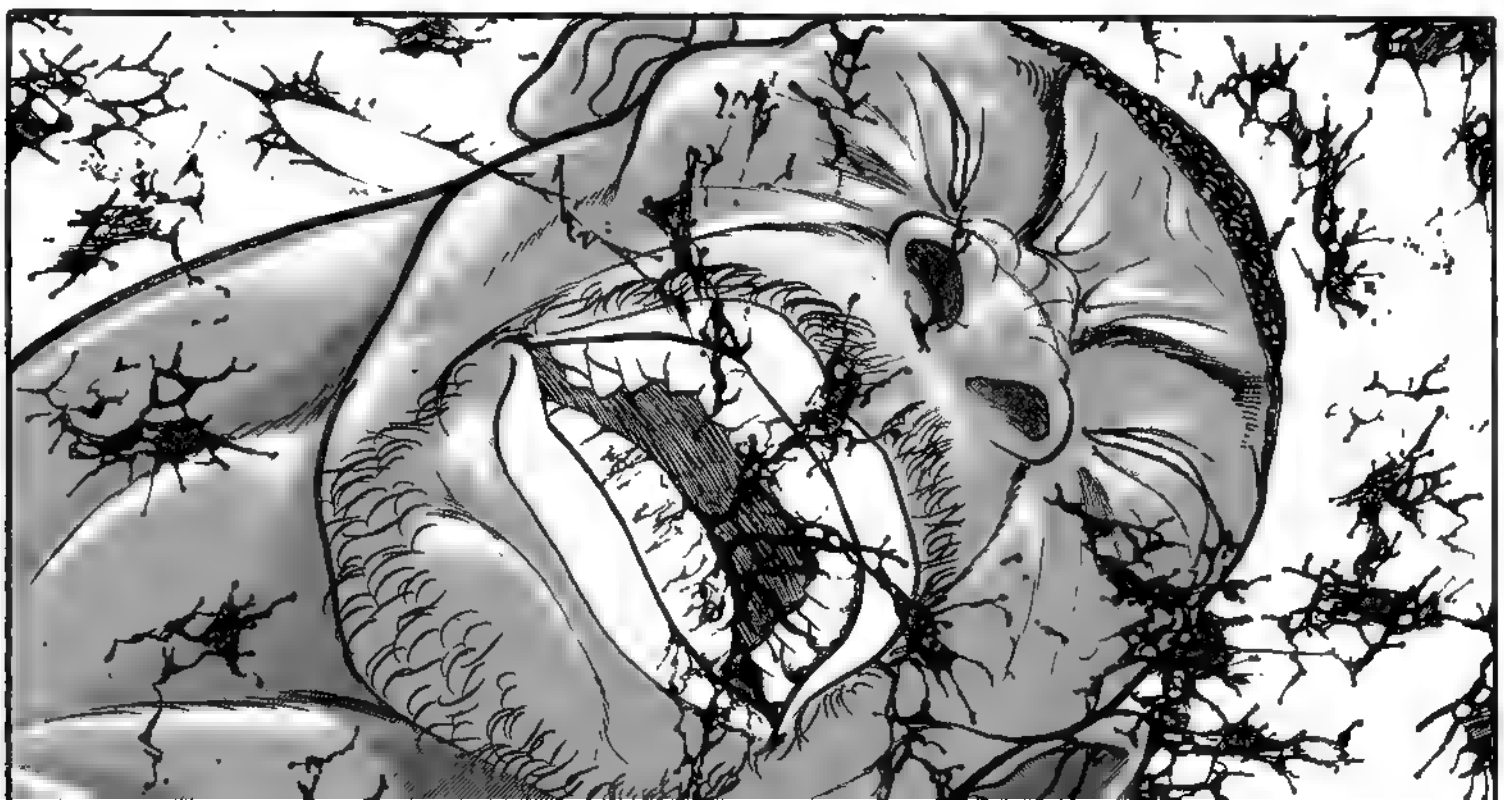
HE FELT THAT ONE !!!

WSH

IT'S LIKE THEY'RE DOING CAT'S CRADLE!

SHF

OMSH



NAILED HIM!!!

THAT DAMAGE WAS TOO MUCH TO BEAR!!!

HELL YEAH!

HE'S DOWN!

#250 Heavyweight Boxing Champion

BAKI 16
THE GRAPPLER
THE GRA

HELL YEAH!

HE'S DOWN FOR A SECOND TIME!!!

HOWEVER, THIS KNOCK-DOWN IS CLEARLY DIFFERENT FROM THE FIRST!!!

THE DAMAGE HIT HIM FAR HARDER THIS TIME AROUND!!!

THERE HE IS...

THE CHAMP IS ABOUT TO BREAK!!!

STOP THIS, SAM!

...!!!

ONE!

TWO!

WHO IS THAT...?!

THREEEE!

FOOOUR !

WHO'S COUNTING?!

JESUS ...

KNOCK-DOWNS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO COUNT.

THESE MATCHES ARE STREET RULES.

FIVE !!!

SIX!

SEVEN!

JOHN L. SULLIVAN* ...!!!

*JOHN L. SULLIVAN (1858-1918): THE FIRST CHAMPION AFTER THE ADVENT OF GLOVED BOXING AND THE LAST CHAMPION OF BARE KNUCKLE FIGHTING. A DARING PERSON WHO WOULD SEARCH FOR OPPONENTS IN BOSTON BARS IN LIEU OF TRAINING. 45 FIGHTS, 41 WINS (33 K.O.S), 1 LOSS, 3 DRAWS.

PATHETIC.

HA!

I'M STUNNED BEYOND WORDS.

THIS IS THE WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CHAMP?

LISTEN, KID. BEING THE HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMP...

...MEANS YOU'RE THE **STRONGEST** MAN ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH!

WHY AREN'T YOU SAYING ANYTHING, SAM?!

...!!!

THANK YOU, JOHN...

FIGHT!

JOHN ...

WOOOO

MICHAEL IS BACK ON HIS FEET!!!

THE KAMIKAZE CAPTAIN, CHIHARU SHIBA, TURNS TO FACE HIM, BRIMMING WITH CONFIDENCE!

HE'S WINDING UP!!!

BUT HE WHIFFS!

WOOF

AAAH!

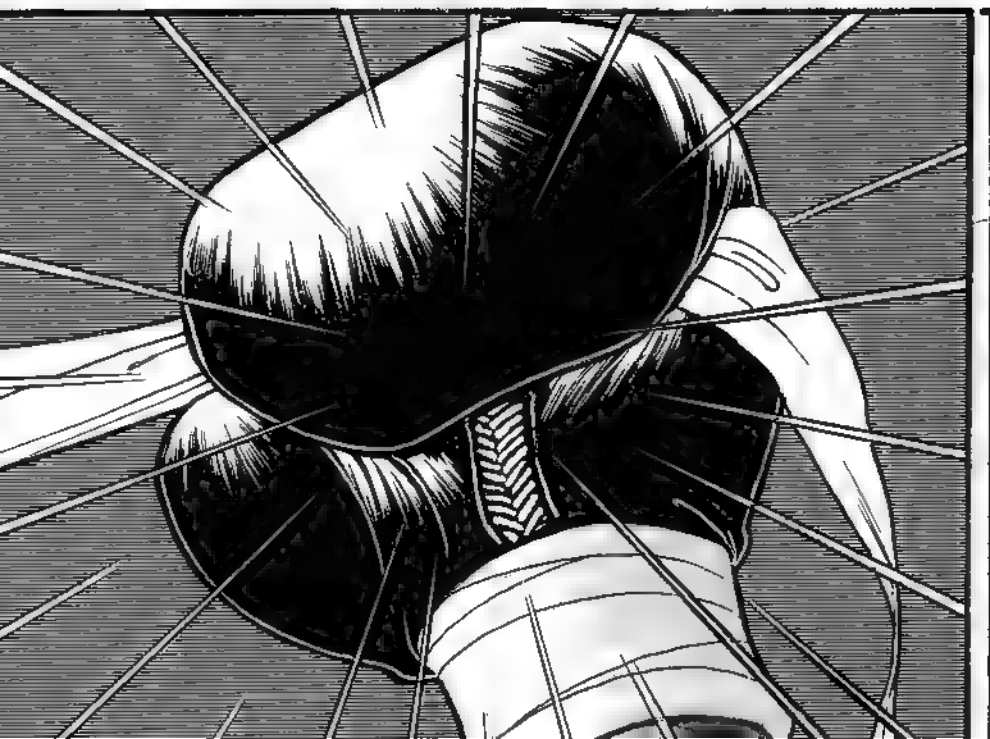
FEH!

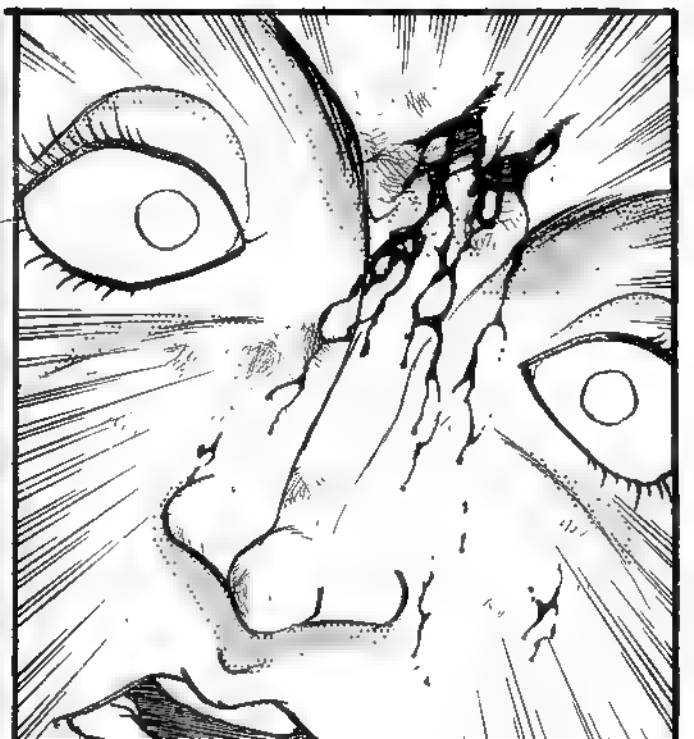
...!

THE DEVIOUS WRAPPINGS DANCE IN THE AIR!

C'MERE !!!

WHISH





HE...

HE STOPPED IT!!!

WELL, FUCK ME...

UH-OH.

KABOOM

HIS IRON PUNCH FINALLY ERUPTS!

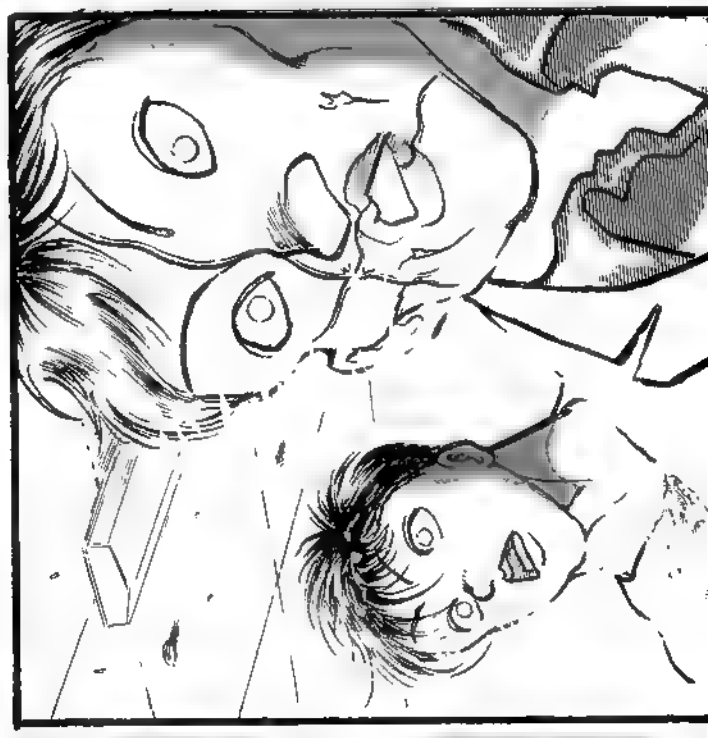
HOLY CRAAAAP !!!

HE LANDED HIS FIRST HIT !!!

WHAM!!

W-WHAT FEROCITY !!!

!!!



喧嘩上等
全国制覇
常勝無敗
狂乱特攻
GUSH
ズズズズ
SLIDE

SLIIDE
ズズズズズ
...!
SHBAM

AND HE GOES DOOOWN!

CHIHARU SHIBA IS DOOOOWN!

...!!!

...!!!

...!!!

暴走

JOHN L. SULLIVAN IS HAPPY TOO.

HERE, TAKE MY GLOVES.

SORRY I MADE YOU WORRY.

YOU SAW HIM?

...!

IT'S THE SAME...

THE EXACT SAME!

IT'S THE SAME AS WHEN I GOT HIT BY THAT 750 CC.

CRK

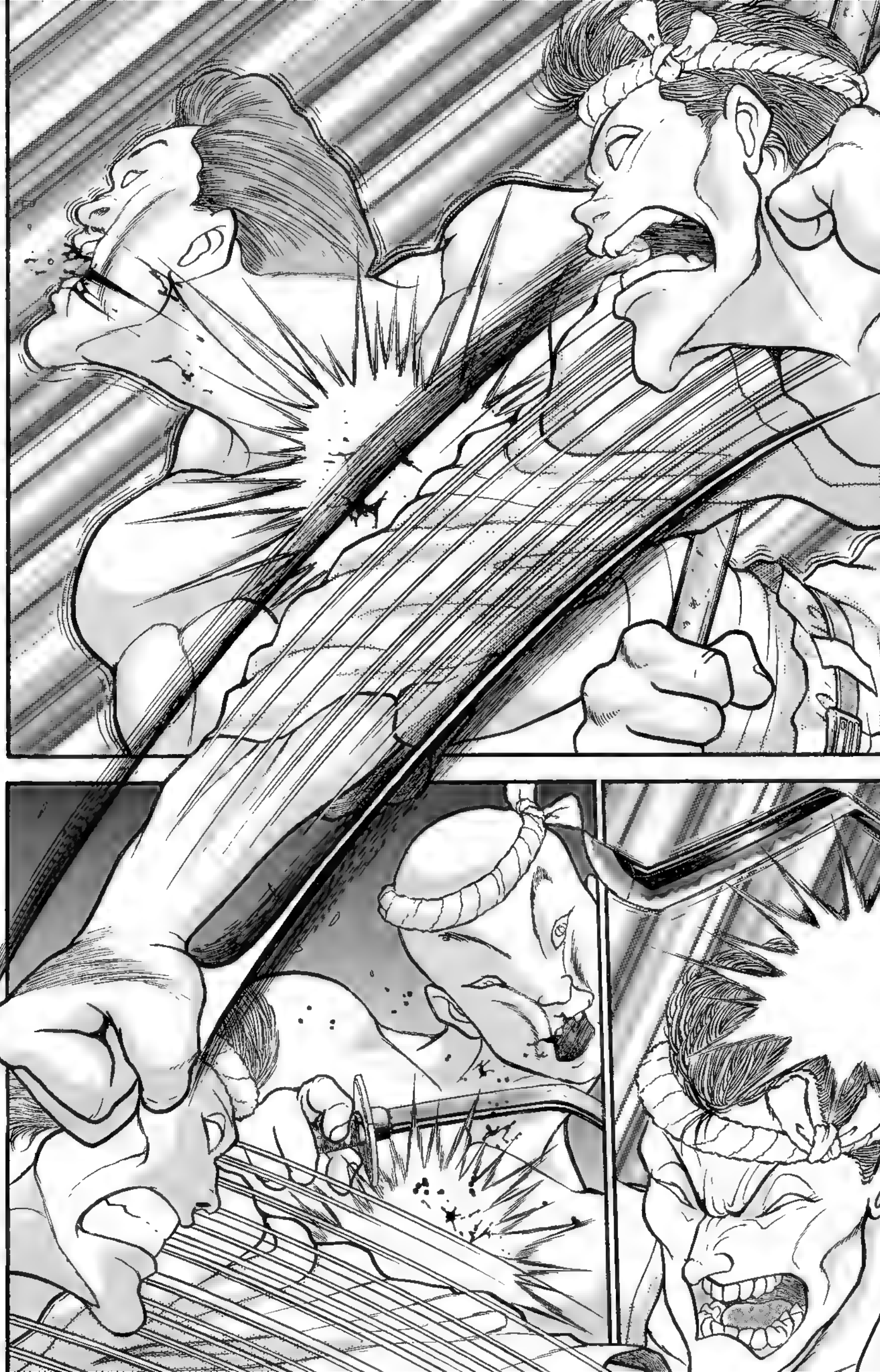
WHICH MEANS I CAN PULL THIS OFF!!!

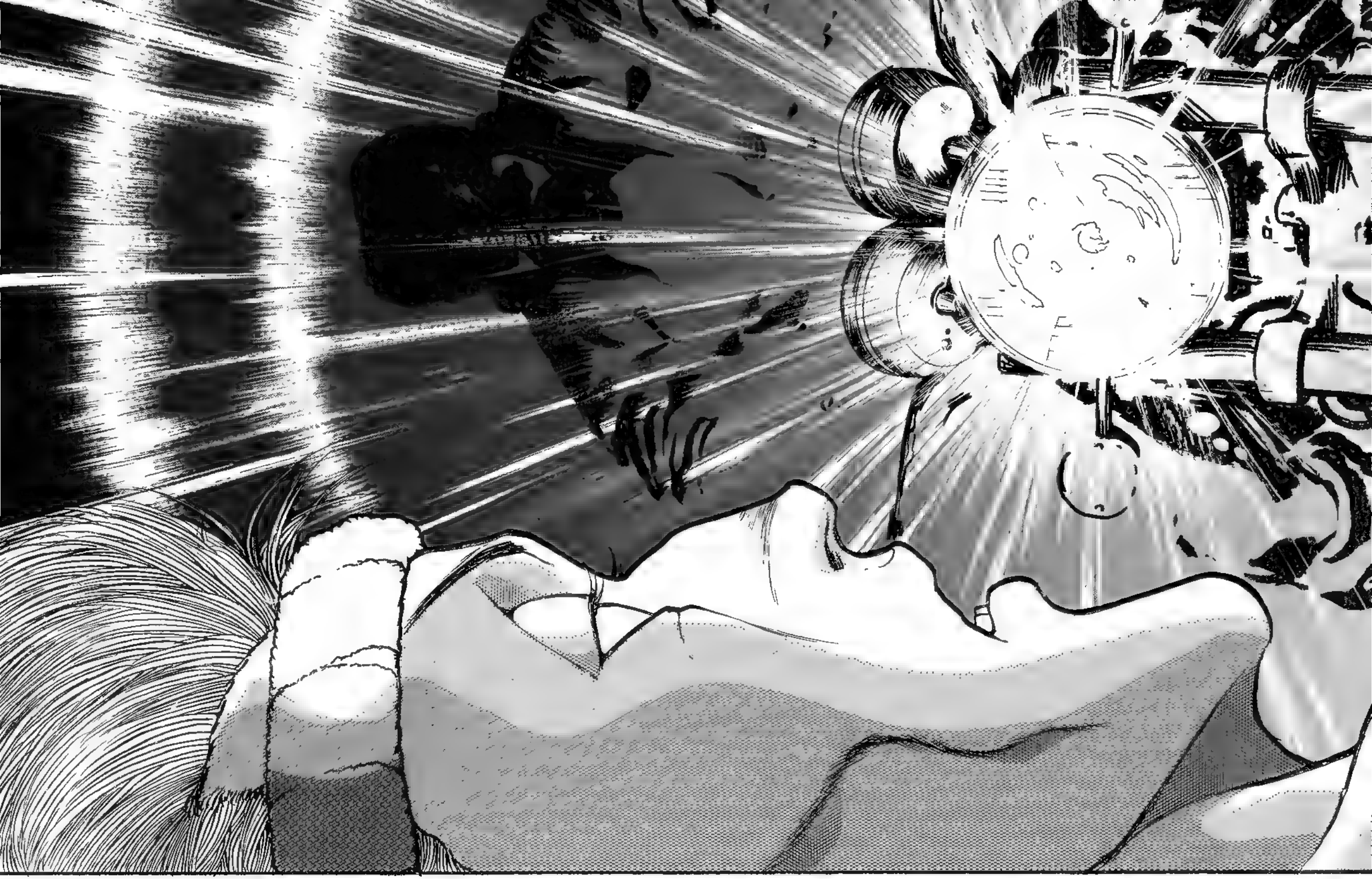
#251 I Can Pull This Off!!

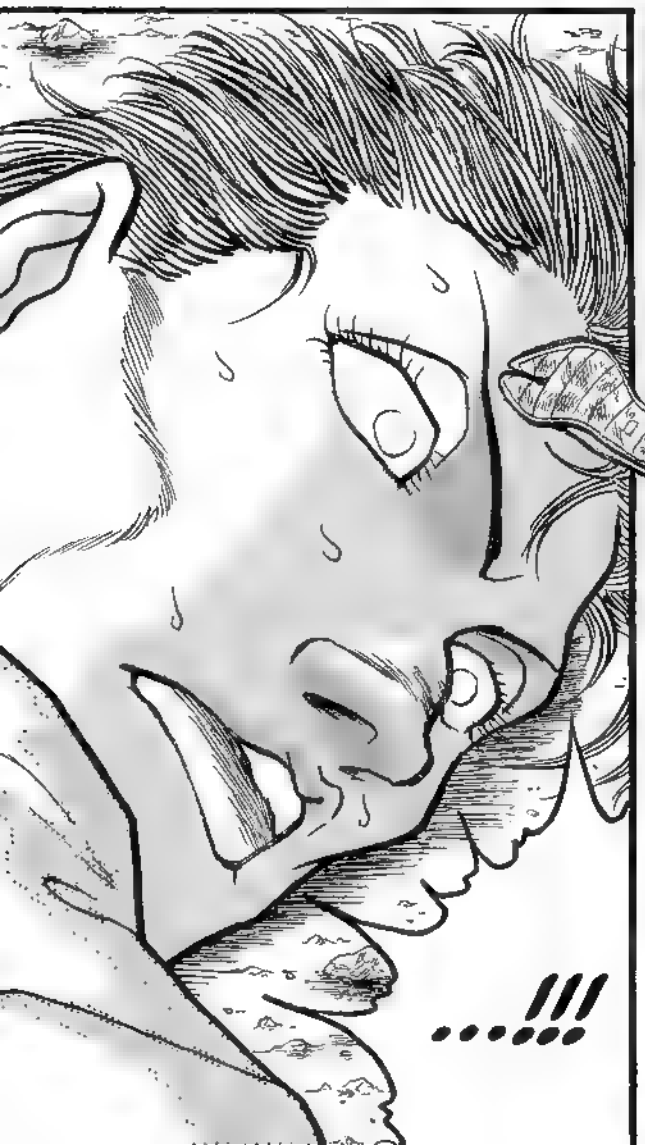
I CAN PULL THIS OFF.
RAAAAH
特攻
二代目特別攻撃隊
…

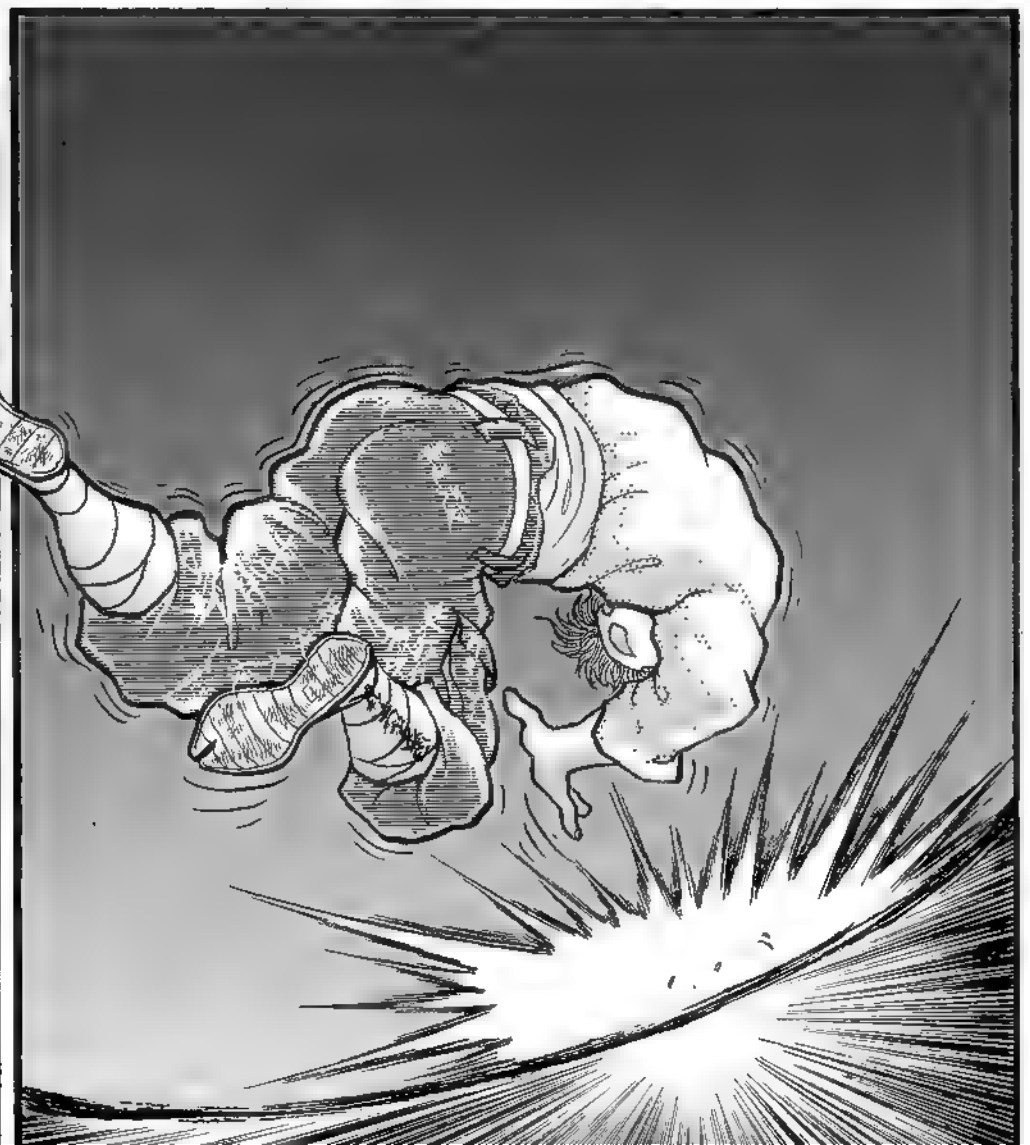
RAAAH
WOOOO
WROOM
WROOM

VRM
VRM
VRM
VROOM
WOO
VRM
VRM
VRM
VROOM
....!
BAM
VRM
VRM
ROOM
ROOM

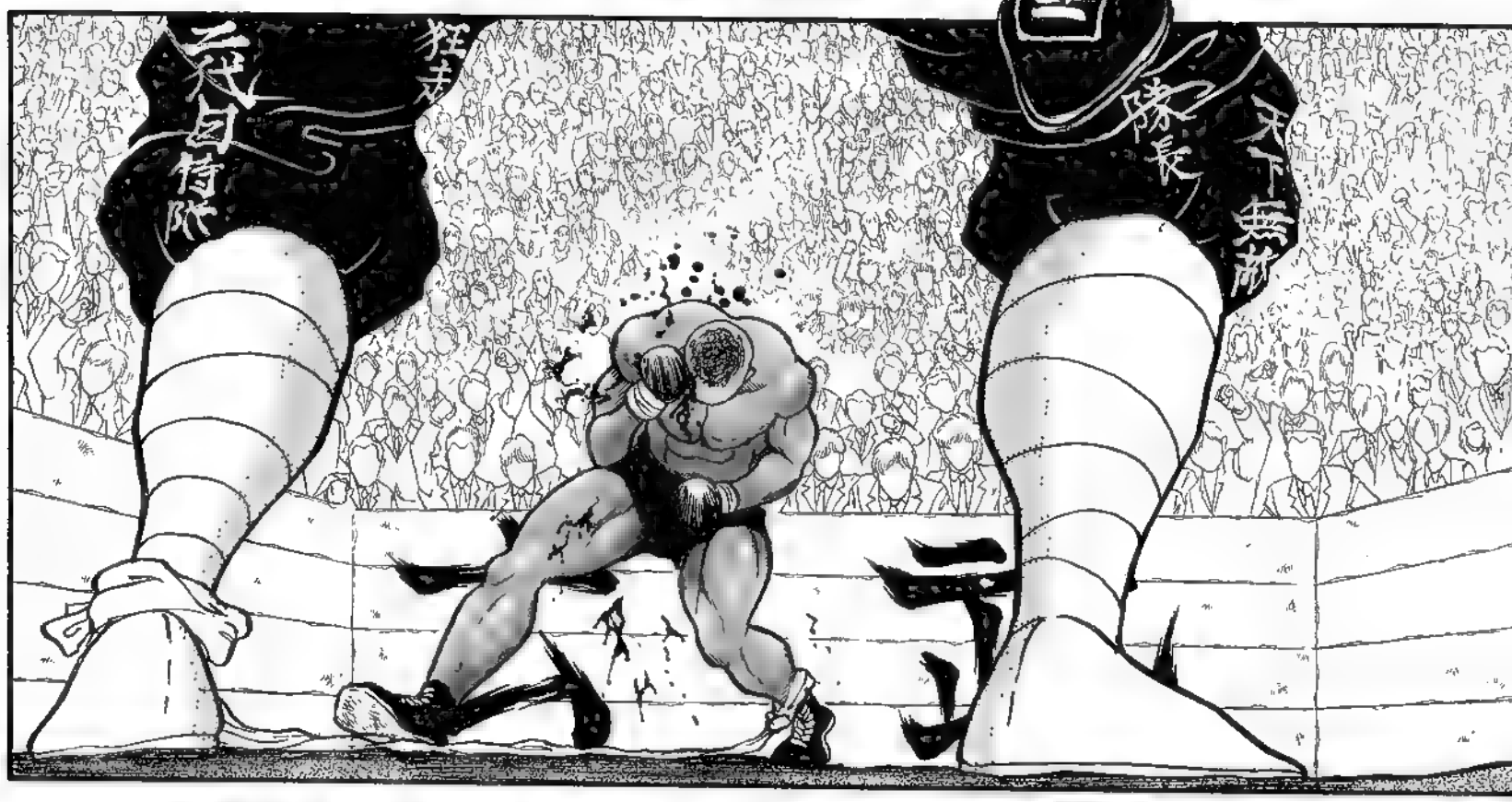








IRON IS
BACK IN!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陳長
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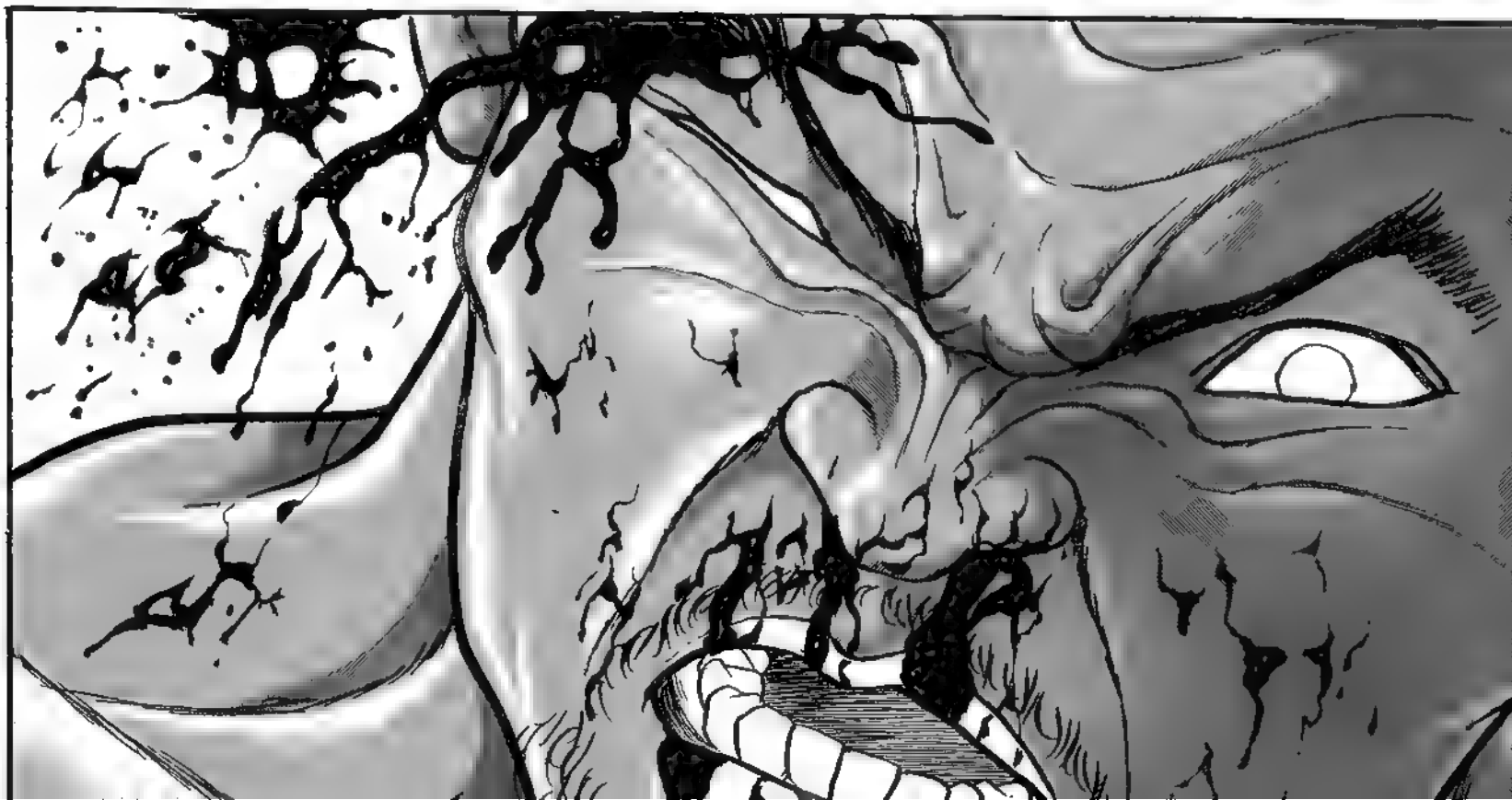

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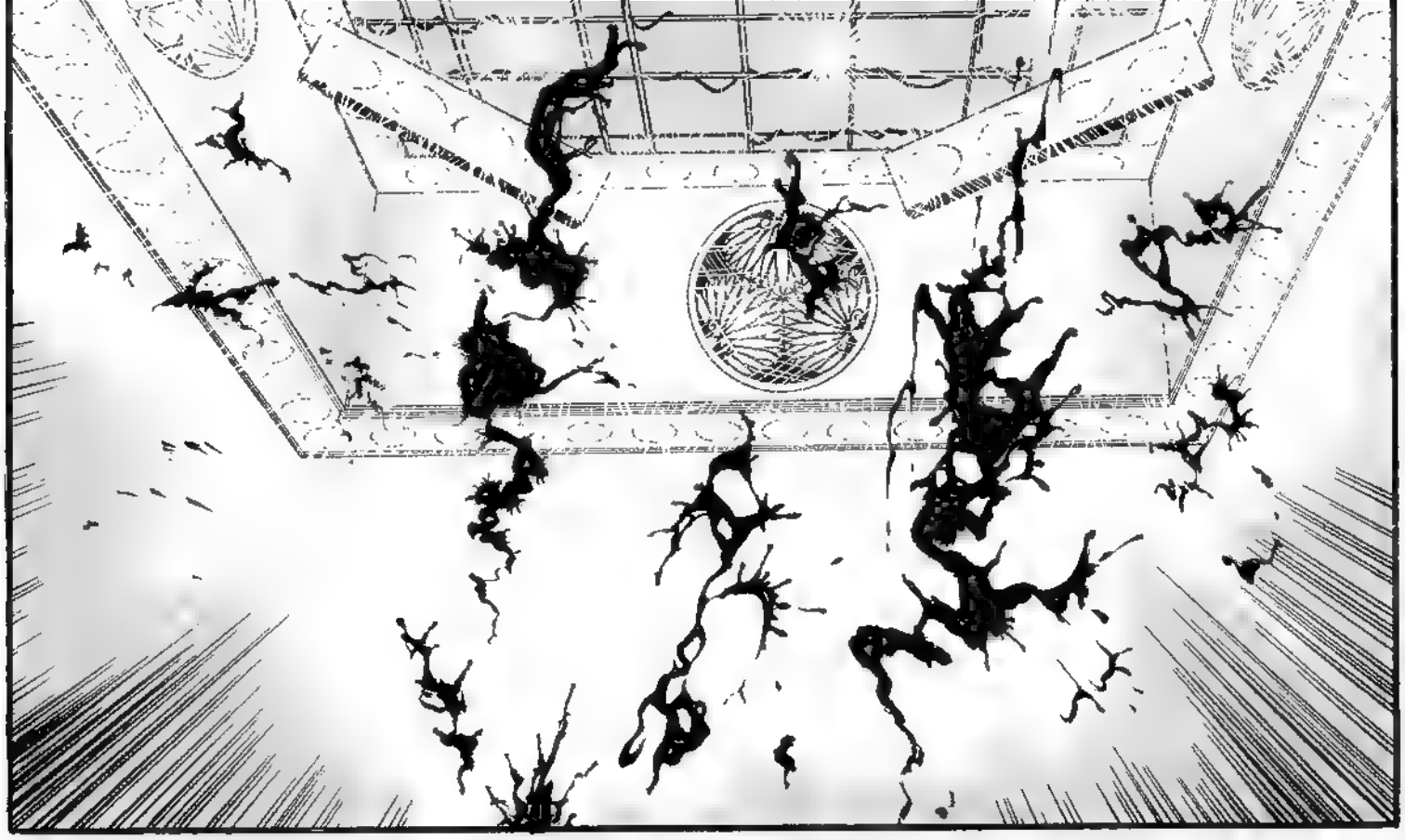


NO....

THWAK

THIS ISN'T IT ANYMORE...

CHIHARU IS GONNA WIN!

HEY, HOLD ON!

THIS ISN'T BOXING ANYMORE.

#252 Bare Hands

TSH

CLETO REYES

SHRIP

SHRIP

CLETO REYES

THIS...

TSH

CLETO REYES

SHMP

SHRIP

THIS ISN'T BOXING ANYMORE.

CLETO REYES

IRON MICHAEL HAS THROWN AWAY HIS GLOVES!

CLETO REYES

THE BOMB

HE'S THROWN AWAY THE GLOVES THAT KEPT HIM REGULATED AS A BOXER!

THE IMPLICATIONS ARE HUGE!

I'VE USED THESE...

...TO PROTECT MYSELF...

THESE FISTS OF MINE...

"A HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION IS CONCEIVABLY THE MOST FRIGHTENING UNARMED KILLER ALIVE."
"WITH HIS HANDS, HE COULD SLAY FIFTY MEN BEFORE HE WOULD BECOME TOO TIRED TO KILL ANY MORE. OR IS THE NUMBER CLOSER TO A HUNDRED?"
-NORMAN MAILER'S "THE FIGHT"

MICHAEL HAS PUT UP HIS BARE FISTS!

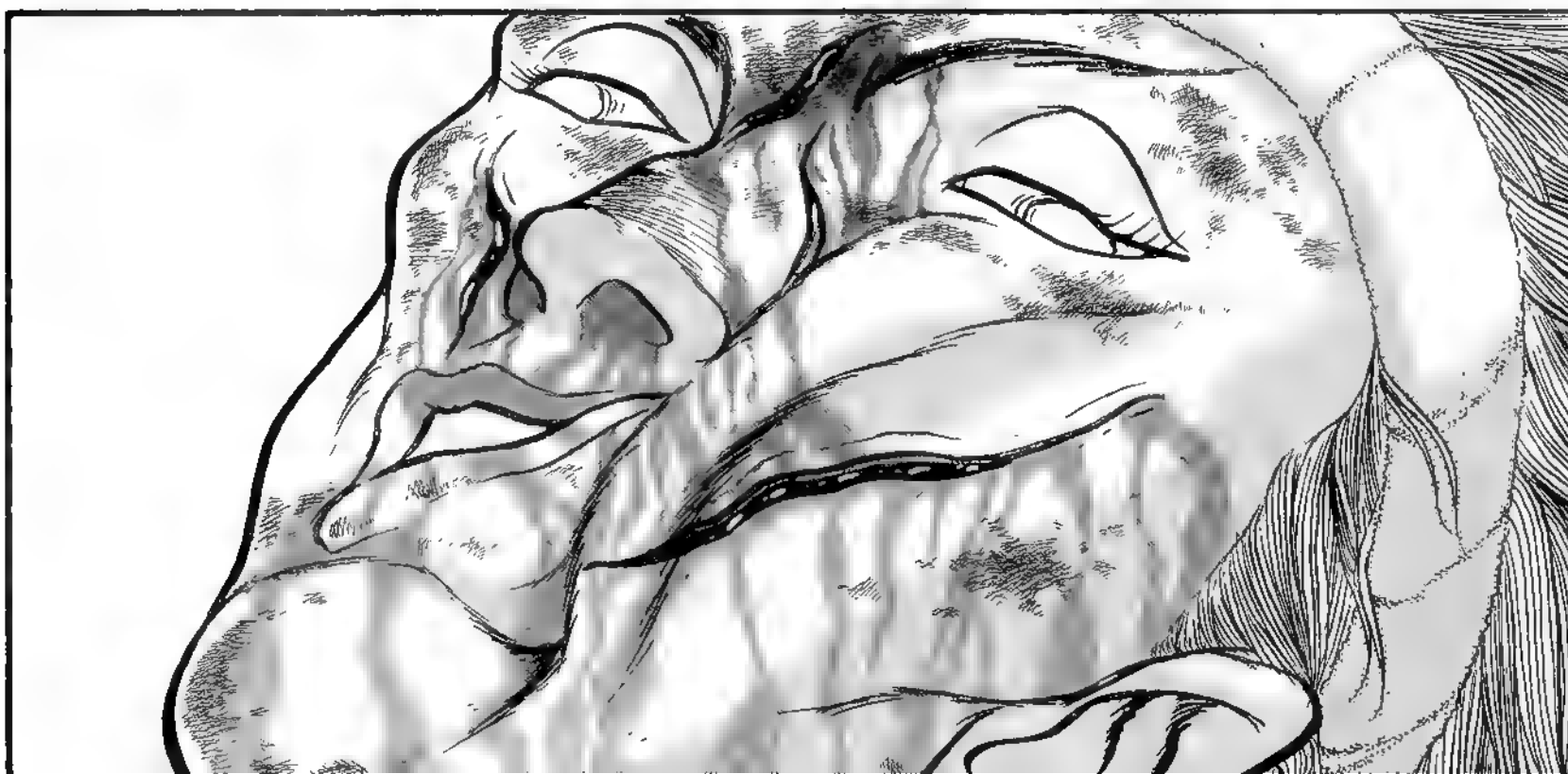
OOOOH!

ALL THIS FUCKIN' NOISE ABOUT "BARE HANDS" THIS, AND "BARE HANDS" THAT.

BRAWLS HAVE *ALWAYS* BEEN THE KINDA THINGS...

...YOU FIGHT WITH YOUR *BARE FUCKIN' HANDS!!!*

KRAKOW!!



ALL OF MICHAEL'S HITS ARE CUTTING CHIHARU!

HOLY SHIT!

BOSS
...

AAH!
CAPTAIN!

...BUT ENOUGH...

YOU ARE A FINE FIGHT-ER...

IT'S SUCH A SHAME, CHIHARU.

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

NOT ON YOUR LIFE.

HAH.

LET'S TAKE BETS ON THE WINNER.

BAKI ...

YOU CUT UP MY FACE...

...AND PUNCHED ME HARD ENOUGH TO POP OUT MY EYEBALL...

...BENT MY NOSE...

KRIK

BUT I'M STILL STANDIN'...

YA SCREWED UP THERE, CHAMPION.

ALL BY THROWIN' AWAY YOUR GLOVES— YOUR WEAPONS.

ORAAH!!!

#253 Punk Championship Match!!

MICHAEL'S IRON FIST HAS BEEN SHATTERED!!!

HELL YEAAA-AAH!

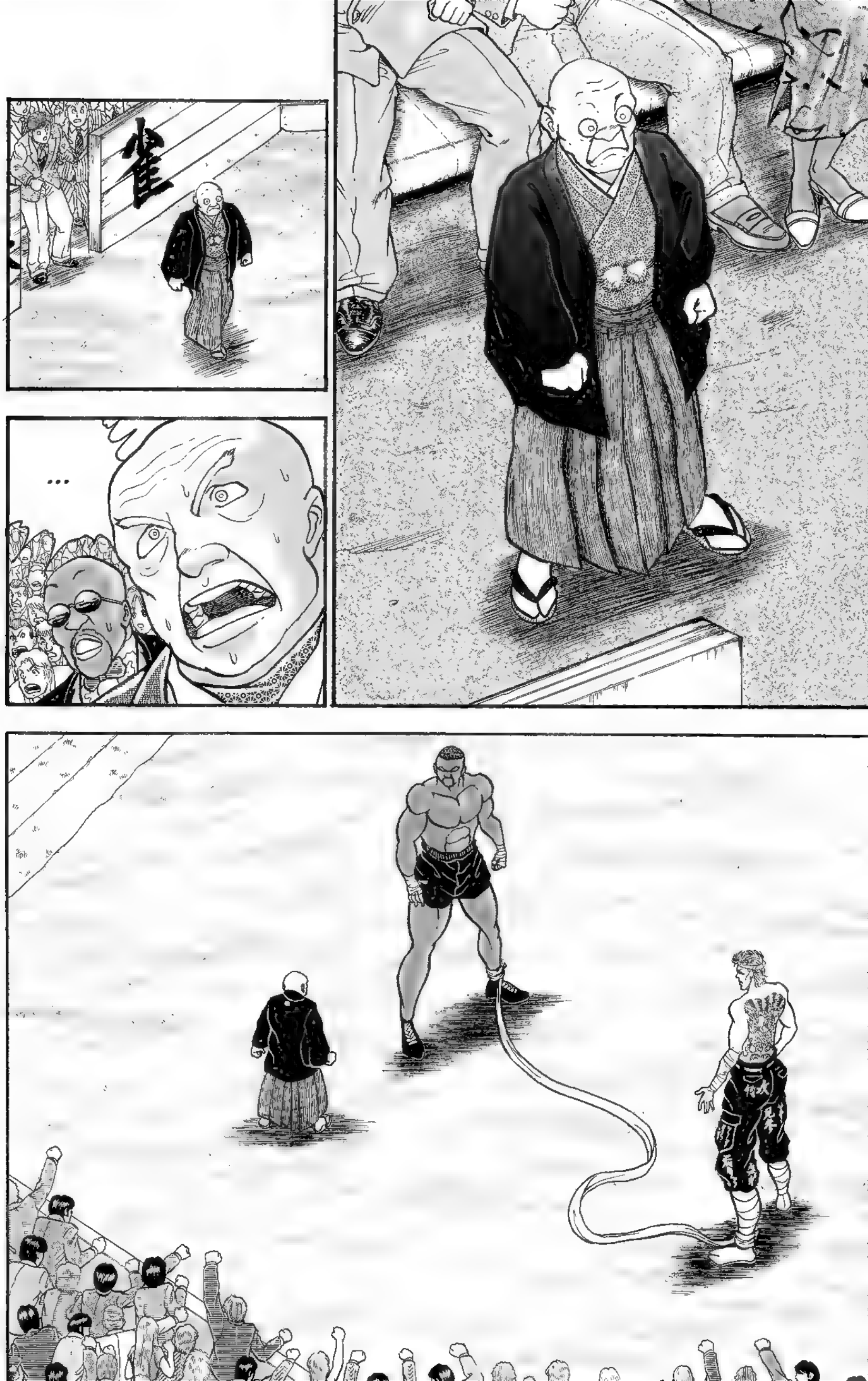
UH-OH! HIS CHIEF SECOND HAS THROWN IN THE TOWEL!!!

玄武

HOLD IT!!!

THE MATCH IS OV—

WSH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...

YOUR TRAINER THREW IN THE TOWEL...

DO YOU WISH TO CONTINUE?

...BUT WHAT DO *YOU* WANT TO DO?

HE MUST'VE MISTOOK THIS FOR A BOXING MATCH...

HA HA, PLEASE EXCUSE HIM, MR. TOKUGAWA, SIR. SAM IS GETTING UP THERE IN AGE.

KEEP THIS UP AND YOU MIGHT NOT BE able TO BOX ANYMORE.

MICHAEL ...

I HAVE TO DO THE SAME.

CHIHARU IS TOSSING ASIDE HIS FUTURE TO FACE ME.

ON TOP OF THAT...

IF CHIHARU IS OUT HERE REPPING *TOKYO*...

...THEN I'M THE FIGHTER WHO HAS TO STAND UP FOR *BROOKLYN.*

...!
IT'S A KNIFE !!!
WHERE DID HE HAVE THAT STASHED ?!

SHNK

WON'T BE NEEDING THIS...

SHNK

WON'T BE NEEDING *ANY* OF THIS.

...I CAN'T GO PUTTIN' HANDICAPS ON YA.

NOW THAT I HEAR YOU'RE A PUNK REPPIN' BROOKLYN...

FEELS WEIRD FOR ME TO SAY THAT...

LET'S HAVE OURSELVES A CLEAN FIGHT.

FROM HERE ON, IT'S A TEST OF STRENGTH.

OOH!

ISN'T THIS BAD, CAPTAIN? FACING THE WORLD CHAMP LIKE *THAT?*

YOU'RE GONNA DO IT, CAPTAIN?!

I AIN'T BACKIN' DOWN ONE BIT.

THIS IS A *CHIHARU SHIBA-APPROVED JAPAN-AMERICA PUNK CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH.*

GET SET...

GET READY...

ON YOUR MARK...

ドカッ
GO!

WHOAA!
THEY'RE COMING AT EACH OTHER HEAD-ON!

BRAK
KRAK
THWAK
喧嘩上等
常勝無敗
KRAK
BAM
BAM

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